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# HATS OFF TO FOUNDATION!

*ABOVE:*
*The HAT Foundation, which helps needy children and schools in Sri Lanka, held a charity photoshoot at the Knap recently. The event was organised by Kate Alicia Morgan and Jeyanne Wiltshire and a total of £180 was raised.*
PHOTOGRAPH by ANDY WICKS

# LDP will be first hot potato for Labour

by PHILIP IRWIN

**THE major issue to come out of last week's council elections – which saw the Conservatives suffer big losses in the Vale – will now be the future of the controversial Local Development Plan (LDP).**

**In a last-minute move just before the elections, Labour pledged to scrap the LDP and start all over again.**

**Although Labour does not have an absolute majority on the new Vale Council – it has 22 seats, while the various opposition parties can total 25 – there is little doubt that it will be able to go ahead and carry out its promise.**

**This is because Plaid Cymru, who took six seats on the council, has already come out and said it wants the LDP scrapped too.**

**The former Plaid leader, Chris Franks, who has returned to the council after winning a seat in Dinas Powys, told The GEM: "If Labour forms the administration, we will hold them to their firm commitment to scrap the flawed LDP. We agree that we should start the process again."**

**Speaking before the election, the Labour Leader, Coun Neil Moore, said that all aspects of the plan would be looked at, but he made it clear that, in Labour's opinion, the eastern Vale was being asked to take too much of the housing allocation.**

**(CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)**

# LABOUR IN TALKS OVER COUNCIL

*THE future administration of the Vale Council is likely to be decided in the next couple of days, following last week's local elections.*

*Labour became the biggest party on the council with 22 seats, but fell two seats short of an absolute majority. The party is currently considering whether to work with other parties or to go it alone.*

*Coun Neil Moore, leader of the Vale Labour group, told The GEM: "Our immediate task will be to make sure that Labour's agenda becomes a reality, be it as a minority council or in coalition with another party."*

*For more reaction on the election, please turn to page 5 and page 8.*

# Cylinder fire

***BARRY Police and the local Fire Service attended an incident on Cardiff Road, Ty Vernon Industrial Estate, Barry, on Tuesday, May 8, at around 2pm after receiving reports of a cylinder fire.***

*A police spokeswoman said: "The industrial estate was closed for the remainder of the day and over-night as a safety precaution.*

*"Police and fire officers remained at the scene for the duration of the incident."*

*The estate was reopened at 9am on Wednesday morning, May 9.*

# Grieving mother pays heartfelt tribute to son after railway tragedy

**A mother has paid tribute to her "gentle and caring" son who was found dead close to the tracks outside Bridgend Railway Station.**

Richard Llewellyn Lloyd, aged 23, of Penarth was discovered at 8.21am on Saturday, May 5.

The police say he had suffered injuries consistent with being hit by a train.

In a tribute, Mr Lloyd's mother, Christine Lloyd, said he would leave a huge gap in the lives of those who knew him.

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# Defeated Leader thanks the voters

**FOLLOWING last week's elections and my defeat in the Rhoose ward, I would wish to take the opportunity of thanking everyone who helped in the Conservative campaign, not just in the Rhoose ward, but throughout the Vale.**

More importantly, I would like to thank all the residents of the ward for their support, not just at this election, but over the last 13 years, during which I have been proud to represent the ward in which I live.

**Gordon Kemp**
(***Former Leader of the Vale Council***)

# 'Why I don't fly out of Cardiff Airport'

**COULD I just say how excited I was that one of the directors, Steve Hodgetts, of Cardiff Airport, actually removed their head from the collective bucket of sand to proclaim their innocence in the airport's demise.**

Could someone please, therefore, explain if charges are not the issue, why a Rhoose resident has just returned from a holiday in Spain, flying to Malaga, and had to use Bristol airport as the flights were £150 more to fly from Cardiff on the same day and approximately the same time?

I have just looked at availability for October and the cost of a flight from Bristol is £71 and the corresponding flight from Cardiff is – wait for it – in excess of £280... Guess where we'll be flying from again?

It is utterly galling to pass an airport which is on our doorstep, to travel to Bristol because something is obviously not right with the management at Cardiff, who seem quite content to lose customers by the thousands.

I'm firmly in the camp of the politician who remarked a couple of weeks ago, '*either sort it, or sell it to someone that can run an airport*'.

Please don't use the old chestnut of access – because Bristol's access is an absolute nightmare.

**John Stroud,**
**Rhoose.**

# 'No consultation on cattle market'

**THE so-called 'Response from Vale councillors' in The GEM (April 19) failed to address any of the issues about the cattle market.**

There has been almost no consultation with interested parties – and, indeed, the petition presented to the Leader of the council at the end of last year was not even acknowledged.

The suggested relocation to St Mary Hill has already been ruled out.

There is mention of 'extra care housing for the elderly' but the plan is for residential housing – no doubt yet more executive homes in the half million pound plus bracket.

Where is the "new public parking facility" to go, and will it replace spaces lost at the market?

The whole tone of the 'response' smacked of a done deal, especially when the last sentence read:

"*....there will be no net loss of public parking spaces as a result of any redevelopment of the market site*".

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# How residents can have their say over planning

**A NUMBER of letters to The GEM have protested about the lack of democracy in the planning system and in the production of the Local Development Plan (LDP).**

The reality is that the planning system is primarily about enabling development, with a degree of public control, but basically allowing land owners and the market to use their assets.

People often take the public consultation part of planning to mean that planning is democratically controlled by residents and councillors, but unfortunately it's not the case. Planning decisions by councillors are quasi-judicial and cannot be a party political decision; appeals are heard by planning inspectors, based on planning legislation, and Welsh Government politicians can't interfere.

There is some sense in the system being weighted in this way, because many developments would not be allowed by local residents and things would grind to a halt, but the balance is wrong.

Most of our political debate is about balancing the rights of people to do what they want (including with their property/land) and the rights of other people who are affected by what might be done. In planning issues the initiative and the advantage is always with the developers taking action, or with the local authority developing the planning framework. Communities are usually on the defensive and late into the game, as with the Vale LDP, are left facing a mammoth, complex plan or design with little scope for influencing it.

The only way that communities and residents can have a real say is if the local authority engages with residents and communities over the long-term and enables them to discuss what their communities need; as well as discussing the wider needs of the district for jobs, homes, facilities and services and possible developments.

This approach would provide a basis for the local authority to develop the planning framework, and a means to involve residents and communities early in discussions.

The consultation period and process for the Vale LDP was entirely inadequate.

As some of your respondents have commented, '*it came out of the blue*', and this should never be the case.

A new LDP could, and should, be used as a way to involve people in thinking about what's needed for their area and the district as a whole.

Progressive councils consult residents about neighbourhood plans over adequate time and enable residents to contribute to planning and decisions.

**John Drysdale,**
**Barry**

# LDP: 'GIANT PINCH OF SALT'

**THE Conservatives' In-touch election leaflet on the Vale Council's Local Development Plan claimed that "*Your Conservative councillors have tried to ensure that the allocation for housing has been kept to an absolute minimum in your area.*"**

**Residents in Ystradowen need to take this comment with a giant pinch of salt. Under the LDP, Ystadowen faces an increase of 95 houses, a nearly 50 per cent increase in size.**

**Far from it being an '*absolute minimum*', this increase is proportionally one of the largest for any Vale village.**

**Paul Jeremy,**
**Ystradowen.**

# Age Cymru, just three years on...

**AGE CYMRU, the older people's charity for Wales is three years old and it seems like a long time ago since we formed Age Cymru in 2009, by combining Age Concern Cymru and Help the Aged in Wales.**

Over the last three years, Age Cymru has achieved a lot – far too much to mention here.

I'd like to thank your readers for the support we have received from them over the last three years.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisations who have supported Age Cymru since 2009, and who still work for us.

Looking to the future, Age Cymru will continue to campaign and work with our partners across Wales to make a difference to the lives of older people.

For further information about Age Cymru, our local partners, getting involved with our work, and making a donation, please visit *www.agecymru.co.uk*

**Robert Taylor OBE,**
***Chief Executive, Age Cymru,***
***Cardiff.***

# Poster message

**I REALISED it was election season when driving into Dinas Powys I passed a sea of blue posters attached to almost the entire fenceline of the fields separating Dinas from greater Cardiff.**

**Interesting – I thought, as I continued driving into Dinas – this comparison between the assets of Plaid and Labour supporters, usually small row and semi-detached houses, and those of Tory supporters.**

**(Name and address supplied)**

# Tidy team praised

**I WOULD like to congratulate 'Tidy Towns Wales' for their excellent work in clearing litter from the walkway between the Morrisons shopping site to the Health Centre.**

The unused ground was a litter magnet. I visit Barry every Thursday and use the walkway to and from Morrisons. I try to pick up litter as I walk about the streets.

The trick is knowing where the bins are and estimating, so that a handful does not become an armful. Well done again, to the team who picked up the litter. *Shame on you who dropped the litter.*

**Stewart Ward,**
**Barry**

# 'Come down from your ivory towers!'

**I HAVE to say that it is very rare for me to praise a politician, but you must give Leanne Wood AM a massive pat on the back – well done to her for refusing to accept a pay rise of over £23,000 for becoming leader of her party.**

It puts to shame the rest of the dire lot in the assembly. How on earth is First Minister Carwyn Jones AM worth over £130,000?

An AM's basic is £53,852, but (he or she) can claim extra for doing other duties.

At a time when the people not only of Wales, but the rest of the UK, are struggling to make ends meet and rely on food banks, mainly due to Victorian decisions made by politicians, it would seem that as soon as they get behind closed doors of their ivory towers, no-one else exists.

It really is high time politicians of all classes were brought down to earth.

For far too long they have had the easy life; it's time for it all to end.

But well done Leanne, you put the rest of the bunch to shame.

**D J Radford,**
**Barry.**

# Voters' apathy is killing democracy

**VOTER turn-out in many parts of Barry has hit rock bottom, in my view disenfranchising those elected.**

Our democratic decision-takers know it, but do nothing to repair a system that seriously lacks interest and, therefore,credibility.

For our democracy to survive, we must attract the politically disaffected back to the ballot box, but to do that, fresh thinking and change is needed.

Just compare the French election on Sunday: the levels of public interest; the street scenes; the colour; the young people participating, and the speedy result attracting huge levels of interest.

In contrast, how dull is our electoral system.

It may not appeal to some, but I believe we need to make it easier and more exciting.

For some reason, we have to vote on Thursdays; close many schools to create polling stations; and open them for 15 hours, before spending the next six hours counting sheets of paper.

I was at the count in Barry Leisure Centre on Thursday night (and yes, Friday morning} eventually getting home to the sound of blackbirds breaking the silence and welcoming the sunrise.

We need to make voting less dull; more visible, and more easily reached, if we are to stand any chance of getting the majority of people back voting.

**Dennis Harkus,**
**FocusBARRY supporter.**

# Council reply on satisfaction survey

**IN reply to a recent letter writer to The GEM, thank you for your interest in the recent Vale of Glamorgan Council residents' satisfaction survey.**

The fieldwork for the survey was completed in January of this year and the council are currently awaiting the final report from Beaufort Research, the organisation commissioned to undertake the work.

The report is expected on May 18 and will be made available to the public soon after.

If you have any other queries regarding consultation activities in the Vale, please contact: *consultation@vale-ofglamorgan.gov.uk.*

**Robert Jones,**
***Consultation Policy Officer,***
***Vale of Glamorgan Council.***

# Thanks to supporters

**MAY I, through your newspaper, thank all those who returned me and my Plaid Cymru colleagues to the Vale Council, to continue the hard work we have put in over the last decade in this county.**

We look forward to working with the new administration to provide Vale residents with the best possible council service to all residents.

We are a top-performing council in many areas, but there is room for much-needed improvement and we thank our supporters for giving us another five years to help with the work.

**Chris Williams**
***Interim leader, Vale Plaid Cymru group***

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

**(UNTIL MAY 17)**

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| 13 Sun | 00.27 | 8.5 | 12.57 | 7.9 |
| 14 Mon | 01.35 | 8.0 | 14.09 | 7.8 |
| 15 Tues | 02.45 | 8.0 | 15.25 | 7.9 |
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# Barrians of note to be honoured with more blue plaques

by TIM CHAPMAN

**MORE famous Barrians are to be recognised by the Blue Plaque Scheme.**

In 2010, Pride in Barry announced the first 10 people from the town to be honoured – now the organisation is planning to honour a further 10.

The chairman of Pride in Barry, Paul Haley, told The GEM: "Barry has a proud heritage which was reflected with the establishment of the Blue Plaque Scheme.

"The project sought to recognise the huge contribution to the town, the country and the world of people such as Gwynfor Evans, Dorothy Rees, Sir David Davies and Jack Petersen.

"Our aim is to add another 10 names to that illustrious list and we are starting to look for funding streams to help."

Mr Haley said that the interest in, and profile of Barry was raised immeasurably by the initial batch of honourees.

"Publicising the original 10 names generated a lot of attention and inspired responses and correspondence from all over the world.

"For example, Arsenal Football Club reported on its official website that Barry had honoured Bob John with a blue plaque.

"Bob made 421 league appearances for the Gunners and played in three Cup Finals. In 1927, he played against Cardiff!"

Once funding has been identified, Pride in Barry will run a nomination process as before.

The first 10 Barry Blue Plaques commemorated the following people:

**Sir David Arthur Davies** (1913-1990), Secretary General of the World Meteorological Service from 1955 to 1979. Location: Gladstone Road

**Sir Frank Dixey** (1892-1982). Geologist Frank Dixey was one of the most acclaimed scientists produced by the town of Barry. Plaque location: Princes Street

**Gwynfor Richard Evans** (1912-2005). Politician considered "the greatest Welsh patriot of 20th Century Wales". Plaque location: Somerset Road

**Leslie Illingworth** (1902-1979). One of the nation's leading political cartoonists. Plaque location: Harbour Road

**Robert 'Bob' Frederick John** (1899-1982). Footballer who starred for Wales and London giants Arsenal. Plaque location: Morel Street

**Gareth Richard Vaughan Jones** (1905-1935). Pioneering investigative journalist who exposed the Soviet famine in the 1930s. Plaque location: Romilly Road

**John Charles Petersen** (1911-1990). One of Britain's most successful boxers of the inter-war years. Plaque location: Porth Y Castell

**Dame Dorothy Rees** (1898-1987). The first woman ever to be elected as an MP in south Wales, Dorothy Rees served Barry with devotion.

Plaque location: Newland Street

Gwyn Thomas (1913-1981). Teacher, author and raconteur. Plaque location: Old College Inn.

**Margaret Lindsay Williams** (1888-1960). Distinguished artist who was commissioned to paint portraits of royalty and American Presidents.

Plaque location: Windsor Road.

# Pupils get to grips with chef's kitchen!

*Rhoose Primary School pupils at the Toby Carvery.*

**THE Toby Carvery in Rhoose has run a succession of 'Chef School' events for local children.**

Children from High Street Primary School and Rhoose Primary School were invited to an educational, behind-the-scenes experience at the restaurant on Port Road West.

The chef school features a fun fact-finding session on vegetables and their origins, alongside a full carving demonstration and a carvery meal on the house for the group of school children.

The pupils met Toby's head chef, before finding out exactly how the vegetables that end up on their plates are prepared – as well as their origin in the world.

Rhoose assistant manager Kirsty Harford said: "Chef school is all about teaching children about the food they eat and its origins and we take them through the journey from farm to fork.

"Our aim is to help children understand why it's important to eat five portions of fruit and vegetables each day, as well as looking at how they are cooked and the nutrients contained within them. Of course, the session is packed full of fun activities and ends with a traditional carvery meal on us."

## Monty's owners say 'thank you'

**MAY I, through your letters page, say a huge thank you to all the kind people who helped find our dog on Tuesday of last week.**

Monty, our 14-year-old, partially-sighted and deaf Yorkshire terrier, vanished from Watchtower Bay and was missing for three hours.

Within minutes of us asking people if they had seen him, they spread the word to others and in the end, there were more than 40 people looking for him.

Their efforts (and their kind and encouraging words to us in our considerable distress) created the happiest of endings when he was found.

Many thanks to Marco, of Marco's Cafe, who acted as a central contact point and to Bro Radio who gave out a description on air.

We would like to especially thank the gentleman who found Monty and climbed down the rocks to rescue him.

As we are unable to thank everyone in person, we will be making a donation to the Dogs Trust in Bridgend to express our gratitude for their kindness and help in returning a much loved pet to our family.

**Siân and Cliff Jones, Barry.**

## Illtyd voters are thanked

**TO the people of the Illtyd ward in Barry, a sincere thank you, for supporting us in the recent elections.**

It was hard work getting around the ward; nevertheless we are looking forward to representing you all in the forthcoming years.

**John, Rhona and Howard, Paula, Charlotte and Emma.**

## BUSINESS AS USUAL AT THE DINAS WI

**MAY is Dinas Powys WI's business meeting of the year, and Diana welcomed one new member, Linda Boys, and a visitor, Linda Ware.**

We have been lucky to obtain the services of Dinas Powys Scouts to arrange chairs so committee members have lost an onerous job!

Last month's speaker, Marjorie Page, gave a very knowledgeable talk about Clarice Cliff, which had been thoroughly enjoyed.

Diana reported back from the spring council meeting, at the Barry Memorial Hall on April 18, when the main speaker was Lowri Morgan.

A welcome was extended to John Fanshawe and Angela Campbell from Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, who gave a short talk about 'A message in a bottle', which DPVC are running in conjunction with Barry Lions Club, to contact lonely people and offer them a friendly face and a a listening ear.

Inside the bottle, there is a form for completion with personal details, ie, medication,next of kin, doctor, allergies, etc, and this form in the bottle can be placed in a safe place, such as a fridge, so that if an emergency arises, medical staff can quickly access the information and act upon it.

A label can be fixed to the front door and the fridge door to indicate where the bottle is kept.

Thirty five members voted to support the Resolution, the 'employment of more midwives', which will be debated at the National Federation annual general meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on May 30.

Eleanor Parsons then took charge of the meeting, and an auction was held, with many excellent items, donated by the members, unwanted Christmas presents, doubles of toiletries etc. Nearly £120 was raised for Associated Country Women of the World, the WI's charity.

Our June meeting will be held on June 7 at 2.30 pm, when business will be brief and we will join the celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee with a Jubilee tea party, with posh frocks and maybe even hats!

The raffle was won by Carole Smith, and the competition, a garden flower, was won by Maureen Bater, with a beautiful black tulip. Altogether, a very good business meeting. **BD**

## Thank you for support!

***THANK you to all Labour supporters in the Castleand ward for re-electing me and your Labour team for a second term.***

*We promise to keep doing the good work we have done for the last four years and to keep improving the Castleand area for everyone.*

*If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01446 401389.*

***Coun Karl Kuhnell, Barry Town councillor for Castleand.***


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# How a 'temporary' iron church became permanent fixture in Rhoose village

## *ST PETER'S CHURCH MARKS CENTENARY*

**RHOOSE had come into existence by the 12th century – the settlement consisting of two rows of dwellings lining a long street forming a branch of the ancient Port Road, leading to Aberthaw.**

**That on the north side lay within the parish of Penmark, the south portion within the parish of Porthkerry.**

**By the 16th century, Rhoose had grown into a village of prosperous yeoman farmers; but by the early 19th century, the village had changed, now mostly composed of farm labourer's cottages, with a blacksmith, and served by the New Inn public house.**

**In the medieval period, the spiritual needs of the inhabitants were provided by an isolated chapel of ease, situated a short distance to the north, which was dedicated to the Cornish saint Winnoc.**

**This became defunct following the Reformation, and the site is now covered by the airport.**

*St Peter s Church, Rhoose*

**The arrival of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway in 1897 caused a great increase in the growth of the village and these changes were noted by a writer in 1911:**

***"The Barry Railway has a station at Rhoose, which, after the fashion of places newly visited by a railway, shows signs of growing out of a sleepy hamlet and building houses and hotels to attract the crowd.***

***"The nearest sands are at Font y Garry, and the station lies between."***

**St Peter's church was built during the incumbency of Rev Henry Holmes Stewart (1898-1914) to spare the increasing congregation from the mile-long journey to the ancient parish church of St Curig at Porthkerry.**

**The building was consecrated by the Bishop of Llandaff in December 1912, being then described as the "new church at Rhoose, a charmingly picturesque one."**

**The building was a temporary iron mission church, constructed of corregated iron sheets fastened onto a timber framework, the inside lined with pine boards, the walling set on a low brick foundation plinth.**

**The dimensions were 50 by 25 feet overall, having a seating accommodation for 200 people.**

**The structure had been put up by the firm of Messrs. Vickery Bros. of Barry Docks, at a cost of £250.**

**This 'temporary' iron church served its purpose and lasted well for over 80 years until 1994, when the worn-out structure was replaced by the present more permanent one, to serve the ever-increasing population of the village.**

**H J THOMAS**

# The Competition Commission makes a decision on Lafarge

**THE Competition Commission has approved the proposed joint venture between Lafarge's UK operations and Tarmac.**

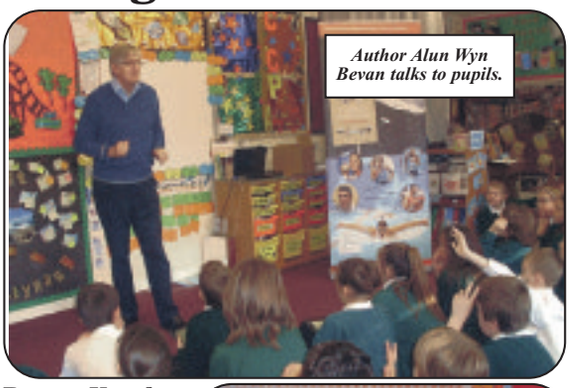
**Local MP Alun Cairns has been informed that the proposal does not directly affect Lafarge Cement Works in East Aberthaw.**

**The approval is subject to a number of conditions which both Lafarge and Anglo American are confident can be met. The combination of the two businesses is expected to deliver improved logistics, and increased operational efficiencies.**

**Mr Cairns said: "I understand that the approval of the proposed merger between Lafarge and Tarmac will position the new company as a market-leading UK construction materials company in the supply of cement, concrete, aggregates, asphalt and contracting services.**

**"I've been assured that the joint venture will not affect Lafarge Aberthaw Works directly, though will mean changes internally in the company. That process could take until the end of the year to complete."**

# News update from Ysgol Sant Baruc



*Author Alun Wyn Bevan talks to pupils.*

### Dawns Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc

**LLONGYFARCHIAD AU i aelodau'r clwb dawns a berfformiodd yn wych yn y Neuadd Goffa – roeddech yn wych! Diolch i'r rhieni ac athrawon am eu cefnogi.**

### Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc dance

**CONGRATULATIONS to the dance club who gave an excellent performance in the Barry Memorial Hall. Thank you to staff and parents for supporting them.**

### Awdur enwog

**ALUN Wyn Bevan i drafod ei lyfr newydd 'Y Gemau Olympaidd' gyda blynyddoedd 5 a 6.**

Mae e'n ddarlledwr profiadol, sylwebydd rygbi a dyfarnwr rygbi wedi ymddeol. Roedd y disgyblion wedi cyffroi gyda'i wasanaeth.

### Famous author

**ALUN Wyn Bevan visited years 5 and 6 to talk about his new book 'Y Gemau Olympaidd'.**

He is an experienced broadcaster, rugby commentator and retired rugby referee. The children thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

### Priodas

**FEL rhan o'u gwaith Addysg Grefyddol y tymor hwn mae blwyddyn un wedi bod yn brysur yn trefnu priodas yn y dosbarth!**

*The school wedding .*

Cynhaliwyd y briodas ar neuadd yr ysgol a'r wledd yn yr ystafell ddosbarth. Roedd yn ddiwrnod gwych ar ôl yr holl drefnu a pharatoi!

### Wedding

**AS part of their RE work this term year one have been busy organising a wedding in the class!**

The wedding took place in the school hall. It was a lovely day and well worth the organising and preparations!

# Barrivale Bridge Club

## *results round-up*

**THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are:**

**May 1:** First – Bryn Gough and Dave Reed, 57.14 per cent; Second – Noelle Bond and Jane Brook, 52.78 per cent; Joint third – Ann and Sean Macdougall, and Kay Dyer and Mick Green, 51.59 per cent.

Bryn and Dave also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 733425, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm.

***Mike Bond***

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ELECTION LETTERS EXTRA

# *Barry supporters thanked*

## Castleland ward

**WE would like to record our thanks to the hundreds of residents of Castleland in the centre of Barry, who thought hard about their vote and supported us as Plaid candidates in the local elections. '*Diolch am eich cefnogaeth* – Thanks for your Support'.**

Unfortunately, it proved impossible to beat Labour.

It has been such a great pleasure to meet with and speak to so many people in the ward over the past weeks of the campaign and to receive such heartfelt support.

The Plaid team has noted many of the local issues and will continue to work hard for the community, as they have done for many years whether elected or not.

Keith Stockdale will continue working as co-ordinator for Barry&Vale Friends of the Earth, especially where issues such as Fracking at Llandow have effects on our environments.

It has, however, been of concern to see the many issues still facing our community that are in need of addressing.

We have grave doubts for the future of our local government, but will wait to see whether Labour will now solve the wealth of problems which years of Conservative party rule and neglect of the Vale have left us with, especially in Barry Central, because the record of Labour control in the Vale is not good.

Getting things done locally, for the majority of people in our urban areas, is the real matter now in their hands.

**Keith Stockdale, Barry Shaw, (Castleland Plaid team).**

## Cadoc ward

**WE would like to thank all of those electors in Cadoc who voted for us as the Labour candidates in the recent election, and as a result we were all elected thanks to your support.**

We look forward to representing all the people of Cadoc, and should anyone have any issues or problems then we would encourage them to contact us and we will do our utmost to resolve them.

**Vale Couns Anne Moore, Fred Johnson and Neil Moore, Barry Town Couns Gwyneth Davey, Maggie Payne and Howard Hamilton.**

## Dyfan ward

**WE should like to thank the residents of Dyfan ward for their support over the past four years. In particular, we would like to thank those who voted for us on May 3.**

**Katherine Kemp and Marguerita Wright**

## Court ward

**WE would be most grateful if you would allow us some of your valuable space to thank all those voters of Court ward who supported us in the recent council elections.**

We considered the results to be excellent, and we do appreciate the support we received from all parts of the ward.

Thanks everyone!

**Couns Richard Bertin and Robert Bertin**
**Court First Independents**

# Charity group's new venture

**DINAS POWYS Voluntary Concern, the charity that provides local help for local people, will be launching a new venture, an afternoon community club, in the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on Monday, May 21.**

The club will be in the Lee Hall from 1.30pm until 3.30pm and all are welcome!

The club, which will initially be held fortnightly, will be open to all living in the Dinas Powys area and for all ages, so why not drop in?

There will be a programme of activity tasters and entertainment, as well as an opportunity for members to meet new and old friends of all ages over a cup of tea or coffee and a cake.

As well as a programme of events there will be old fashioned games such as table skittles, draughts, quoits and dominoes available for all to play, learn and enjoy.

All you need to do is turn up!

*If you wish to find out about this new community club, contact the DPVC coordinator, Wendy Lees, on 02920 513700, or email wendy@dpvc-dinaspowys.com or visit our new DPVC website: www.dpvc-dinaspowys.com*

**John Fanshaw, Chairman DPVC**

# Independents in Sully and Rhoose produce a night of election shocks

**REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN**

**ON Thursday, May 3, the local elections saw a big comeback in the Vale for the Labour Party (*see full review on page 8*). The poll also saw the emergence of independent candidates who made their mark in Rhoose, Sully and Barry.**

The biggest shock of the night was the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp (727 votes), losing to independent candidate, Philip Clarke (882 votes).

Mr Clarke, a pilot, was unable to witness his triumph because he was in Spain to attend his son's graduation.

He told The GEM: "I wish to express my thanks to my local community who voted to elect me as their councillor.

"Let me assure you of my best efforts to represent and support the interests of people in the Rhoose ward.

"There is an obvious requirement for change, but I am mindful that this process will not take place with immediate effect.

"However, I will endeavour to assist to bring about these changes as soon as is possible in the best interests of my constituents."

Sully delivered another big shock, with independent Bob Penrose (876 votes), and UKIP's Kevin Mahoney (633 votes), defeating Conservatives Anthony Ernest (342 votes) and Sarah Sharpe (also 342 votes).

Coun Penrose, a retired businessman, said that he had not been surprised by the victory, but the majority had been greater than he expected.

"I consider I succeeded against the Conservatives for several reasons:

"The electorate of Sully ward felt it was time for a change, and there had not been the required level of support from the previous Conservative councillors for the ward.

"The electorate considered that a local independent candidate, without party influence, could achieve the best future for the ward.

"Among the local concerns were the Local Development Plan and 1,100 new houses planned for the ward, the travellers' camp on Hayes Road, the inadequate police presence, and the lack of social amenities for teenagers and the elderly."

Mr Penrose said there had also been local dismay at the cutbacks in Cosmeston Medieval Village too. His new fellow ward councillor, Kevin Mahoney, said that 'on the doorstep' residents of Sully, Lavernock and Cosmeston voiced the desire for a change.

Mr Mahoney said: "I picked up the perception that residents felt that Vale Council inaction had dumped a traveller site in their midst and that the existing councillors had failed them in not fighting this, as well as not opposing the suggestion of 1,100 new homes contained within the LDP.

"Many voters also commented on Coun Anthony Ernest taking on the role of Mayor of Penarth when he was being paid large sums to represent the Sully ward."

Coun Mahoney said he thought the fact that he didn't have to "blindly follow a party whip" was also a huge factor in his success.

In Court ward in Barry, another independent, former Labour member, Richard Bertin (487 votes) retained his seat. Labour's Bronwen Brooks (610 votes) topped the ward poll.

Councillor Bertin said: "The independents have done very well in this election, and I am pleased to have helped by winning a seat in the Court ward. Let us now hope that the independents go from strength to strength."

Richard Bertin's younger brother, Robert, was elected to Barry Town Council as an independent for the Court ward.

Dennis Harkus, of FocusBARRY, who stood as an independent himself in Gibbonsdown, but lost to Labour's Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, said: "Two members of FocusBARRY have been elected to the Vale Council, and one to the town council. We wish them all well.

"Philip Clarke, who has strong links with Rhoose, topped the poll.

"Richard Bertin was successful in the Court ward, following a strong individual campaign, and Robert Bertin was elected a town councillor for Court."

He added: "Barry and the neighbouring communities of Rhoose and Sully accumulated 4,862 independent votes in just seven Vale wards, even though their financial and logistical resources cannot be compared with the old political parties."

• *The new make-up of the Vale Council is:*

**Labour 22** seats; **Conservatives 11** seats; **Plaid 6** seats; **Llantwit First Independents 4** seats; **independents 3** seats; **UKIP 1** seat.

(*Please turn to page 8 for the election coverage across the Vale*)

# Can you help stage exhibition?

*Arts tutors at Barry Summer School c.1965: (front row, left to right) Kenneth Coutts-Smith, Patrick Hughes, John Epstein, Alan Wood; (middle row, left to right) Eric Brown, Stass Paraskos, Tom Hudson, Wyndham Haycock, Laurie Burt, Bert Isaac; (back row, left to right) Leslie Moore, Mervyn Baldwin, Michael Tyzack, Anthony Stevens, Terry Setch, Ernest Zobole.*

**THE Vale Council is asking anyone who attended Barry Summer School in the 1960s and 70s to help its arts team to create a retrospective exhibition about the school's iconic 'happenings'.**

The main event will take place during July and August and will feature an arts exhibition at Art Central gallery in Barry Town Hall, linked with the National Eisteddfod taking place in the Vale this summer.

Residents and visitors will be able to take part in a range of multi-arts workshops in Welsh and English, including a mixture of visual, performing arts and literature and other workshops.

There is little documented about the summer school, which was led by its founders – Lesley Moore, artist and vice-principal, and Wyndham Heycock, co-director, between 1962-1973.

If you were a student, a tutor or you know someone who attended the school, the team would love to hear your stories.

*If readers would like to contribute, or take part in this project, contact Tracey Harding, Arts Development Officer, on 01446 709805 ,or email:* ***tcharding@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.***

# A touch of flower power at Rhoose WI

**PRESIDENT Jenny Reed welcomed members and a number of visitors to Rhoose WI on May 1 at the Community Hall, Stewart Road.**

The members were asked to consider a questionnaire from the National Federation of WIs regarding plans for the centennial in 2015.

This was followed by a resume of this year's National Resolution, read by secretary Stella Hughes. The Resolution calls on the Government to invest in the training and employment of more midwives in order to ensure a high standard of care.

Currently, there are shortages in all areas of the UK. Members voted unanimously to support the proposal.

After refreshments, former president Ann Harris began her demonstration of flower arranging. This was well-informed, practical and lively. She also gave her audience a very clear structure as to how this can be achieved at home, even by the novice arranger.

After questions from the floor, Eileen Eeles thanked Ann for a most encouraging and informative demonstration.

Before the meeting closed, the competition winners were announced, with Tricia Farley winning the raffle and Jeanne Morris Peters the monthly accessory competition.

The next meeting of Rhoose WI will take place at 7.30pm on June 7 at the Community Hall, when Jodie Taylor will give a talk entitled 'Moonwalk'. Visitors and new members will be very welcome.

Future Events: May 18 at 2pm, skittles at Rhoose Social Club, followed by tea and cake; May 24 at 12 noon, lunch club at The Highwayman, Nurston. Those wishing to walk should meet at the village pump (weather permitting) at 11.15am.

June 2 at 10.30am, coffee morning at Rhodesia, 79, Fontygary Road; June 20, educational trip to Stanway House, preceded by shopping and lunch at Broadway.

Every Tuesday at 11am, coffee and chat at Coffee Time, Rhoose.

**JJ**

# Olympic Torch *relay breakfast at Dinas Powys*

**ON May 26, at 7am, the Olympic Torch will be passing through Dinas Powys.**

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and to celebrate this event Dinas Powys Infants School Parents Association, with support from the Dinas Powys Baptist Church, invite families to watch from the Infants School grounds and join them for a bacon buttie or croissant afterwards.

There will be activities for children, including a bouncy castle, crafts, games and the opportunity for people to have their photo taken on the winners' podium!

*For more information contact the school on 029 20512151.*

# WHERE'S HENRY THE HEDGEHOG?

**WHATEVER happened to Henry the *Hedgehog? The GEM reported on November 4, 2010, that a Vale family – the Rushtons – had brought a young hedgehog back from near death, after it was found covered in maggots near a main road in Barry.***

*Hedgehogs fatten themselves up before winter hibernation and if he is still alive, Henry has, since the original article, survived two winters and our recent monsoon.*

*Is he still patrolling the hedgerows of Broughton? As an inheritor of some Romany blood through my late father's Worcestershire/Shropshire family, within which hedgehogs are called 'Hotchiwitchi'( i.e. hedge chickens), I am interested to know.*

**Christopher Short, Barry.**


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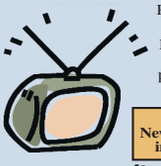

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# Pupils benefit from 'Better Reading Partnership'

*Members of Barry Comprehensive School s Better Reading Partnership.*

***BARRY Comprehensive School work extremely hard each year to promote reading and literacy to all their students.***

*Through the use of book clubs and after school learning and tutorials, pupils of all ages are urged to better themselves when it comes to reading and grammar.*

*One of the school's voluntary reading schemes, the Better Reading Partnership, assists children in a one-to-one format and is becoming more and more successful.*

*Over the past few weeks, there have been two new faces to the group to provide support to both the voluntary group and the students.*

*The volunteers come into the school once a week for an hour session with a number of pupils where they sit down and listen to the boys read their chosen books to them.*

*The group take time out of their personal lives to support the students.*

*Mrs Donovan, who has been involved since the scheme started, said: "I have always loved reading and want to inspire children to read more.*

*"There is a lot of negativity in the media surrounding the youth culture; this motivates me to get them reading and to better themselves and their generation."*

*The reading scheme runs in blocks of 10 weeks. The next block to take place in the summer term will see the most members that there have been in years.*

*With the new volunteers, along with the regulars, more children in the school can now be assisted with their reading and inspired to read more books in their own time.*

*The co-ordinator of the reading scheme, Kathy Turnbull, explained that: "We give the pupils a choice of what book they want to read, most of them were put off reading in the past because books were forced upon them.*

*"We aim to make reading a pleasure for them, a hobby which they can do in and out of school."*

**CRAIG LOWRY**

# *Penarth Ramblers mark opening of the Coastal Path*

**WITH the opening of the Wales Coastal Path last weekend our small country became the first to have a coastal path spanning its entire coastline.**

While many ramblers took part in the official launch at Cardiff Bay on Saturday, groups across Wales were hosting their own celebratory walks and Penarth and District enjoyed a nine-mile hike beginning from the historic town of Llantwit Major.

Because of the heavy rainfall through April and the beginning of May paths were muddy and slippery, but the group of 12 walkers, including leader Geraint and his sheepdog Patch, had come prepared with stout sticks and sturdy boots.

From the old Town Hall, the group headed towards the stone dovecot and headed southwards towards the coast.

They made their way along part of the Heritage Coast through thick muddy footpaths to Tresilian Bay with its delightful pebble beach.

Further along the coast they crossed the sturdy sea defences at Atlantic College and caught their first sighting of the Nash Point lighthouse.

Following the cliff path with the grey sea on one side and fields of bright yellow oil seed rape flowers on the other, they made their way to Nash Point and found that the lighthouse, which is open to visitors, was unusually hosting a wedding ceremony with the foghorn due to sound when the ceremony was completed.

Lunch was enjoyed on the beach beside a bright stream, then crossing and re-crossing the stream by means of stepping-stones the group headed inland through a nature reserve to Marcross village.

Crossing fields they entered bluebell woods on their way to St Donats Castle and a visit to the church, one of the many gems in the Vale.

In sunshine, the group made their way past ruined stone barns and ventured back across the fields to arrive at the ancient gatehouse and the short trek back to Llantwit Major.

On May 12, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile hard walk in the Carmarthen Fans; contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

Also on May 12, meet at 10am at Cogan for a six-mile moderate walk at Castell Coch; contact Krys on 029 2070 0678.

On May 13, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 12-mile moderate walk at Gower; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On May 17, meet at 7pm at Dinas Powys village square for a four-mile moderate walk at Park Wood; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.

**JOY STRANGWARD**

# Mum's tribute

***ABOVE: 'Caring and gentle' – Richard Llewellyn Lloyd.***

**(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)**

She said: "*Richard was an inquisitive young man, who was considerate and keen to please those around him.*

"*He had a gentle persona, and cared about global issues and the environment he lived in.*

"*He had a keen sense of humour which would often amuse his family and friends.*

"*We are all devastated by the tragic nature of his death and are trying to come to terms with the loss. We will miss him immensely.*

"*We are appealing to anyone with any information, however minor, to contact the police.*"

Detective Inspector Mark Cleland, who is leading the investigation, said: "Enquiries are ongoing to establish the circumstances leading up to Mr Lloyd's death, including how he came to be on the tracks.

"We are particularly keen to trace his movements during the course of Friday night and Saturday morning."

*Anyone with information is asked to contact British Transport Police on Freefone 0800 40 50 40, quoting background reference B3/WCA of 09/05/2012, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.*

# *Councillors disagree*

**(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)**

He said this was bad because of the loss of green spaces, and also because the development was going ahead with no regard to whether the roads and general infrastructure could cope with the increased number of residents.

Another question that will arise is just how long Labour has to work on a new LDP.

Coun Neil Moore told The GEM that it would take as long as was necessary, and insisted that there was no formal deadline for lodging the plan with the Welsh Assembly.

However, Coun Jeff James said that time was a major factor, because the LDP had already been delayed by 18 months.This was because developers who wanted to build 'Llandow Newydd' – a development of more than 2,000 homes, a school, shops and business space – took the Vale Council to court after Llandow Newydd was not included in the LDP as a candidate site.

He said that if the council fell too far behind the deadline, the Assembly could move in and take it over – a prospect Coun Moore dismissed.

*A GEM query to the Assembly at the time, asking for clarification over whether there was a firm deadline, did not receive a definitive answer.*

***For election comments, see page 8.***

# *Penarth Computer Club, sci-fi has become fact!*

**MANY years ago as a teenager, I was keen on science fiction.**

When I look around today, I feel that in some respects I am living the future that the writers foresaw. I am also intrigued by what they failed to see coming and wonder if some of their ideas will ever come to pass.

In the 1950s, Arthur C Clarke designed a system for global communications using satellites in geo-stationary orbit around the planet. He couldn't patent his idea because the technology didn't exist to construct it. Now we use such a system without even thinking about it, unless it is interrupted.

He also pointed out the nearest destination we could never reach – about 4,000 miles straight down to the centre of our planet (Jules Verne notwithstanding).

Around that time, Isaac Asimov was setting out his famous 'Three Laws of Robotics' and writing stories using them. The film, *I Robot*, was based on one of them.

He also wrote about enormous computers he named Multivac; indicating the vast number of (vacuum) valves involved. In real life, the sheer size of the early computers meant that they would fill a hall.

Totally unforeseen, along came transistors on May 7, 1962. They made valves obsolete and became progressively smaller themselves. A PC today can incorporate over two billion of them.

Now, nano-robots are expected to be so small that they could be injected into the bloodstream for diagnostic and treatment purposes. Current thinking is perhaps 10 years from now, but the work has been in progress for some time because a range of uses is possible, and potential benefits enormous.

Forget spaceships thundering through the galaxy. They were in adventure stories set in space. The more sophisticated Star Trek, while also moving around the galaxy, set out and resolved social and moral problems. The series also worked hard to make the science believable without having to suspend too many of the laws of physics.

Think in terms of their communicators that flipped open. That design was used for mobile phones and is now old-fashioned. We now have medical scanners that can show internal details of our bodies in 3D. We will probably never, however, 'beam' anyone up.

Sir Tim Berners-Lee devised the world wide web and changed everyday communication in ways that are still evolving. We use search engines to provide answers to our questions and can research any subject. We struggle to deal with the effects of mass instant communication, sharing thoughts on Facebook and Twitter and pictures on Flickr.

We carry hundreds of books in e-readers: thousands of tunes on an iPod and watch films and TV whenever we wish.

If only we had time to do it all.

*The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 22 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 7.30pm. Howard will show how to do screenshots; discuss the perils of auto-save and more. For more information call 029 20708439.*

**HOWARD DESMOND**


## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

## (MOUNT PLEASANT, BARRY) (DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE) ORDER 2012

1. On the 20th April 2012 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 11th May 2012, or on the date the necessary road signs and road markings are installed, whichever is the later.

3. A copy of the Order and plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

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### SCHEDULE

Disabled Persons Parking Place

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M. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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# So many things to see (and do) as the Vale moves forward

**DISCOVER the Shape of a Nation, was the title of the official opening of the Wales Coastal Path which took place on May 5.**

With the sun shining in Cardiff Bay, I met and congratulated my Ministerial colleague, John Griffiths AM, who formally launched the 870-mile path along the whole of the Welsh coast – a world first!

The beautiful Vale coastline forms part of the Wales Coastal Path, and one of the walks was mentioned in a feature in Saturday's national UK press – from Ogmore by Sea to Llantwit Major. It's a wonderful walk, parts of which I have regularly enjoyed.

I intend to walk the Vale coastal section over the coming months as I am sure will many of the 100,000 visitors expected to come to Wales as a result of the investment the Welsh Government has put into the path.

This has been developed in partnership with local authorities, Countryside Council for Wales, land owners, farmers, ramblers and all those who are keen on walking and tourism.

The Vale Walking Festival takes place next weekend (May 11-14) and I shall be joining a Sunday walk in the rural Vale.

This is a great festival with guided walks, good companionship and so much to enjoy, regardless of the weather! Don't forget you can still sign up to the Festival walks and find out what is available by visiting: www.valeways.org,uk or contacting Valeways on 01446 749000.

## Concerts

**OVER the past fortnight there have also been a number of concerts in the Vale, as part of the Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival.**

Opening the first night at the Memorial Hall in Barry with the inspiring Gavin Bryers Ensemble, I also enjoyed the Mavron Quartet at Fonmon Castle and a talk and concert at Barry's Art Central last Sunday.

Throughout the week concerts were held in Vale venues including Cowbridge Comprehensive School, St Donat's Arts Centre and Ewenny Priory.

I also look forward to the Beyond the Border Storytelling Festival and the National Eisteddfod in July and August.

So much has changed over the past week with momentous political events taking place here in the Vale, Wales, UK and in Europe.

We are certainly discovering the 'political shape' of our nation this week as we congratulate newly elected councillors across Wales.

## Elections

Here in the Vale, I congratulate Coun Neil Moore as the new Leader of the County Council, with his team of 22 Labour councillors, who campaigned tirelessly for their successful results that came through on Thursday night and the early hours of Friday morning.

As ever, I will be working with them to represent and serve all our constituents through this challenging time for public authorities to do everything we can to safeguard services and to help renew our local economy for our young people, families and businesses.

The Vale is a vital county for economic opportunity supported by the Welsh Government.

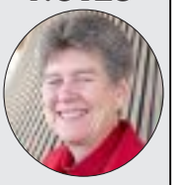
The announcement of over 1,500 new jobs coming to St Athan as part of the Enterprise Zone, supported by Iron Maiden star Bruce Dickinson, is brilliant news.

The setting up of the Cardiff Airport Task Force by the First Minister, Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM, is also excellent. As he said: "*Cardiff Airport is integral to the fabric of our national infrastructure. I am committed to making Cardiff Airport realise its true potential as a modern, competitive, thriving and commercially successful airport, which is a key economic driver and source of pride for the people of Wales.*"

The Vale is moving forward, economically and socially .

*I am proud to be part of the team to help make this happen.*

**ASSEMBLY NOTES**



by Vale AM
***JANE HUTT***
*(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)*

# Local charities benefit at Vale of Glamorgan Mayor's masked ball

Pictures by **JOHN O BEIRNE**

***ABOVE: The Vale Mayor, Coun John Clifford and his wife Christine with some of their guests.***

***LEFT: Supporters of the charities Action for Children and Llamau.***

***LEFT: Supporters from Myeloma UK, one of the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor's charities for his year in office.***

**THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun John Clifford, has said a big 'thank you' to the people who attended his charity ball at Dyffryn Gardens.**

**He told The GEM: "It was a great evening, despite the appalling weather conditions – it was more like November than April!**

**"Cresta Caterers provided excellent food and service and the Bridgend Swing Band entertained us with lively music for dancing.**

**"The amount raised so far for my three charities is £1,300."**

***The charities that benefit are Myeloma UK,Action for Children and Llamau.***

# Spitfire recalled

**I WAS very interested in Christopher Short's letter in last week's GEM, referrinthe g to the arrival of Vickers Armstrong Spitfires at Duxford Aerodrome in 1938.**

I cycled to Duxford to see the Empire Air Display at the age of 10 years to see a Spitfire. I remember an interesting competition by aircraft displaying their landing distances.

A Tiger Moth was followed by a Lysander; both had a short distance landing. They were then followed by one of the new Spitfires. Unfortunately, the pilot forgot to lower the undercarriage wheels, and the Spitfire slithered to a stop with a damaged under carriage and the propellor bent badly.

I cycled to Duxford from Cambridge, where I lived, several times during the war and got quite friendly with soldier guards. One of them showed me the details of a new plane.

It turned out to be the new Mosquito. So much for secrecy!

**Robin Digby,**
**Dinas Powys.**

# AM's lung test highlights Cystic Fibrosis Week

**VALE AM Jane Hutt had her lung function tested to see how her result compared with someone with Cystic Fibrosis, to highlight the devastating impact of the disease for Cystic Fibrosis Week 2012.**

The event, held on April 26, and organised by the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, indicated to AMs first hand how Cystic Fibrosis damages the lungs. The average lung capacity for an adult with Cystic Fibrosis is just 65.1 per cent, compared to someone without Cystic Fibrosis that would achieve results of 80 per cent or more.

Ms Hutt AM achieved 119 per cent on their spirometry test, coming in first place amongst fellow AMs.

She said: "I was delighted to attend the event to show my support for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

"Having my lung function tested has shown me how much more effort people with CF have to make just to take a breath.

"I can see how arduous the burden of treatment is to try to stop lung function from declining.

"I hope as many people as possible take part in an event in their area during CF Week to help to raise awareness and fundraise for research and support for CF."

*More information about Cystic Fibrosis Week, which runs from April 29-May 5, can be found at: www.cfweek.org.uk.*

# Marketing group 'raises the profile of the Vale'

**VALE Marketing Group's conference held recently at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge was led by Chair of the group, Mandy Davies of Crossways House.**

It was addressed by the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, who commented: "It was so good to see a strong turnout for this event, which really supports the aspirations we all have for the communities of the Vale, to live, work and welcome tourists to such a beautiful part of Wales.

"Recent figures show that 11.2 per cent of people living in the Vale are employed in the tourism and hospitality sectors, with many more living further afield by working in the Vale.

"Members of the Vale Marketing Group and associated delegates are the backbone of the successful tourism business in the Vale.

"The group plays an important role in heightening awareness and profile of the Vale throughout Wales, the UK and further afield. I believe it's crucial that the tourism industry receives appropriate support from public organisations and government.

"The VMG works hard to develop partnerships and links with a myriad of public and commercial organisations.

"With the National Eisteddfod coming to Llandow this summer, the huge event will put the Vale in the spotlight as never before and act as a shop-window for general economic and tourism investments in the Vale."

# Swoosh: 'say no to cyber bullies'

**CYBER bullying campaigners Swoosh have been visiting local schools to deliver workshops on staying safe online, beating cyber bullying and where to get help.**

The idea for these workshops was to use art to get the message across of staying safe online by looking at four themes; 'Protect It' – protecting personal information, 'Who is It?' – knowing who you're talking to online, 'Stop It' – stopping cyber bullying, and 'Report It' – knowing where to go to report abuse or bullying.

These four themes were represented across four canvases, with students using their artistic skills to create colourful works of art that spread a powerful message.

The first arty workshop took place at Beechwood College. Around six students joined in for a full day of drawing, painting and getting a bit messy!

The second school visited was Ashgrove School in Penarth, where 30 students built ideas and sketches for their four canvases.

Beechwood and Ashgrove are proudly showcasing the artwork in their buildings for all to see and admire.

*For more information about being safe online and reporting bullying visit: http://www.swoosh.me.uk.*

## VALE AM's SURGERY

***VALE of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, May 12 at Llantwit Major Old School, Wine Street, CF61 1RZ, from 10am-12 noon.***

# PACT meetings in the Vale

## Barry

**ILLTUD PACT** public meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, May 16 at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry.

**DYFAN and GIBBONSDOWN joint PACT** surgery will be held between 2.30pm and 4.30pm on Thursday, May 17 at Winston Road, Barry. Look out for 'TREV', The Reassurance and Engagement Vehicle.

**COURT PACT** public meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, May 30 at the Scout Hall, Everard Street, Barry.

*Barry Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on Barry 01446 731623 or you can log onto www.ourbobby.com.*

## Vale

**WENVOE** 'Coffee and Chat' will be held on Thursday, May 10 at the Beech Tree Inn, near Wenvoe at 11am.

**LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT** public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at Llantwit Leisure Centre at 7pm.

**RHOOSE PACT** public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 at Celtic Way Community Centre at 7pm.

*Neighbourhood policing teams: Llantwit Major (01656 896447) or Cowbridge (01656 869450) or you can log onto www.ourbobby.com.*

## Penarth

**DINAS POWYS PACT** public meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 in St Mary's Church Hall at 7pm.

**CORNERSWELL PACT** public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 in Penarth Leisure Centre at 7pm.

**LLANDOUGH PACT** public meeting will be held on Monday, May 28 in Llandough War Memorial Hall at 7pm.

**STANWELL PACT** public meeting will be held on Friday, May 25 in Elfed Avenue United Church at 7pm.

*The local neighbourhood policing team can be contacted on Penarth (02920 527361) or you can log onto www.ourbobby.com.*

## LABOUR PLAN NEW ADMINISTRATION AS...

# Conservatives lose control of council on a night of despair

**by TIM CHAPMAN**

**THE Labour Party in the Vale of Glamorgan, which gained 10 seats in the local election but fell two short of an overall majority, is currently in discussions as to whether it should run a minority administration or work in coalition with another group.**

One thing the party has pledged is that it will not work with the Conservatives.

Coun Neil Moore, the leader of the Labour group, told The GEM: "We had tremendous success throughout the Vale and that has been borne out by the fact that we have secured 10 extra seats and are now the biggest party on the Vale Council with 22 seats.

"Obviously, we have not secured an overall majority and need to consider all options on working to set up a new progressive council."

Coun Moore said the party's positive pledges had won people over.

"The Tories had four years to implement some of the things we promised, like the re-introduction of traffic wardens in towns, grime fighters to tackle the graffiti, dog fouling and litter problems throughout the Vale, not to mention sorting out the appalling state of the roads."

Coun Moore also identified the LDP – the Local Development Plan – as a key issue in the election.

"Clearly the flawed and unsustainable LDP had an impact in the campaign and our pledge to scrap the current 'draft plan' and to go back to the drawing board had some effect in some wards.

"National politics must have also had a marked effect on the way the public voted. The Tory and Lib Dem Government are clearly out of touch with real people and are hitting those most vulnerable in our society."

Coun Moore said there was a strong perception that the Government did not understand the problems people were facing.

"Our immediate task, will be to make sure that Labour's agenda becomes a reality, be it as a minority council or in coalition with another party, although that party will certainly not be the Conservatives!"

The Vale's AM, Jane Hutt, congratulated the elected Labour councillors, adding: "I will be working with them to represent and serve all our constituents through this challenging time for public authorities, to do everything we can to safeguard services and to help renew our economy."

**'NATIONAL TREND'**

Local politicians will hope to have a clear idea of how the Vale Council will be run by the weekend.

Gordon Kemp, the Leader of the Vale Council, who lost his seat in Rhoose, said he still planned to serve his local community.

"The result was very disappointing, but clearly reflected the national trend which often occurs with the mid-term of the national Government – a Government which is failing to get across its message at the present time.

"It is unfortunate that the problems left by the Labour Government seem to have faded so quickly from people's minds and it is regrettable that so many councillors who had served the community well over the years lost their seats as a consequence.

"Whatever the complexion of the in-coming administration, it will inherit a well-run council and I'm sure the Conservative group will hold it to account whenever it is appropriate."

He added: "On a personal note, I was disappointed by the Rhoose result, but we live in a democracy, and this will hopefully not prevent me from continuing to serve the community."

Six out of the 10 Conservative Vale cabinet members lost their seats – Councillors Dorothy Turner, Anthony Ernest, Tony Hampton, Paul Church, Janice Charles and Gordon Kemp.

Labour now has 22 councillors; the Conservatives have 11; Plaid has six; Llantwit First Independents have four; there are three independents; and one UKIP councillor.

*But the damage to the former ruling party wasn't just inflicted by the Labour Party.*

Coun Kemp fell to an independent in Rhoose. Philip Clarke polled 882 votes to Gordon Kemp's 727. In the same Rhoose ward, Coun Jeff James, a former Vale Leader himself, retained his seat with 810 votes.

Coun Anthony Ernest in Sully, the Mayor of Penarth, lost out to independent Bob Penrose (876 votes) and UKIP's Kevin Mahoney (633 votes). Conservatives will be particularly disappointed that in Sully former Coun Ernest and former Coun Sarah Sharpe polled just 684 votes between the two of them.

Labour were delighted to win 10 more seats, and scored clean sweeps in a number of wards – Buttrills (where former Vale Leader Margaret Alexander topped the poll with 742 votes) Cadoc, Castleland, Cornerswell, Dyfan, Gibbonsdown, Illtyd, Llandough and St Augustine's.

Dinas Powys, known mischievously as 'The People's Republic of Plaid', lived up to its nickname by returning four Plaid Cymru members – and saw a return to the Vale Council of former Assembly Member Chris Franks, who topped the poll with 1,515 votes.

Baruc ward remains a Plaid stronghold, but elsewhere, the party was squeezed and in some wards trailed behind the independents.

Llantwit Major saw a clean sweep, with four Llantwit First Independents being returned for the first time. The Tories' Coun John Clifford, the current Vale Mayor, missed out.

Coun Richard Bertin was returned by voters in the Court ward, despite his switch from Labour to the independent fold.

There appears to be an 'independent' phenomena developing, with four Llanwit First Independents and three individual independent candidates elected. Some independents who failed to get elected managed to get more votes than some of the candidates from the established parties.

The turnout was 39

# The Olympic Torch relay honours those dedicated to sport

*Bev Hopkins, an inspirational teacher at Palmerston Primary School, will be among those carrying the flame.*

**FOLLOWING last week's spotlight on some of those selected to carry the Olympic torch through the Vale on May 26, this week sees three people who are being recognised for the impact they have made on sport in their communities.**

*Bev Hopkins (56), from Barry, is carrying the flame in Barry and the Island.*

Bev will be representing all of the outstanding teachers across the county who work so passionately to give children of all abilities the chance to enjoy taking part in sport.

For the past 20 years, she has taught in Palmerston Primary School as a specialist teacher for children with physical impairments.

She said: "I love my job and feel both lucky and privileged to work with children. I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity and hope that everyone will be celebrating this build up to the Olympics along with me and all the other torchbearers."

*Karen O'Donoghue-Harris (43), from Rhoose is carrying the flame in Barry too.*

Water sports enthusiast Karen was nominated by her husband Gareth for the huge amount of dedication and commitment she has shown to surf lifesaving throughout her life.

During 25 years of being a member at the Jackson's Bay and Rhoose Surf Lifesaving Clubs, Karen has been flying the flag for the Vale and Wales in international competitions, gaining a large collection of titles and medals along the way.

Karen said: "I'm feeling really excited and I'm looking forward to the event. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I feel honoured to be part of the Olympic legacy."

*Lorelei Westcott (19), from Llantwit Major will also be honoured by running with the Olympic flame.*

Lorelei has packed a lot into her sporting life so far and is now inspiring others in the sport she loves – rhythmic gymnastics.

Lorelei competed at a high level, being part of the Welsh national squad for six years and representing her country across the world. She achieved a lot of success, winning several championships, before a back injury in 2009 sadly forced her to retire from training and competition.

Since then, she has turned to coaching and judging rhythmic gymnastics, while also studying for a degree in Sports Biomedicine and Nutrition at UWIC in Cardiff.

Lorelei said: "At first the importance of the Olympic Torch relay didn't really sink in. It wasn't until I saw people's reaction to my news that I fully understood what a symbolic event it is and how privileged I am to be part of it."

*You can find out more at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/olympics and look out for updates on Twitter @valesportsnews.*

# Choir on song for anniversary

*Laurent Mirbelle leading the choir in La Marseillaise , ably assisted by musical director Dorothy Connell.*

**THESE days, visitors to Barry Male Voice choir practices may notice an extra air of excitement and anticipation.**

Ahead lies the demanding summer schedule, which in addition to community commitments includes a joint concert in Barry with the Newport (Salop) and District Male Voice Choir, and later a visit to France where the choir will perform in the magnificent gothic cathedrals of Beauvais and Senlis.

*Choir chairman Gareth Roberts explains:* "These forthcoming events at home and abroad are a fitting build up to our 110th anniversary.

"The finely-tuned preparations under the inspirational leadership of musical director, Dorothy Connell, and accompanist, Emma Arscott, are paying dividends, and will ensure quality performances from the choir.

"I'm delighted to say that we have a number of new members, but I would particularly like to mention Monsieur Laurent Mirbelle."

"His lessons in French pronunciation are ensuring that the choir will sing La Marseillaise with the same passion and fervour as Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau".

*The concert in St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Saturday May 17 with the Newport and District Male Voice Choir, starts at 7pm. Tickets (£6) available at the door.*

# *Teddies set for daring jump*

**A TEDDY bear who performed a daring parachute jump last year in aid of the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal is set to repeat the feat this year -– but strapped to a long-time friend!**

Aberfan Taff is a stuffed animal that was originally purchased by owner Donald Davies, of Cadoxton, to raise money for the families of those tragically lost in the Aberfan Disaster of 1966.

After hitting the headlines last year for taking part in the event, he will now return with friend Roland Rat to perform a tandem jump at this year's fundraiser at St Cadoc's Church, Cadoxton.

The jump will take place on May 20, and anyone who wants to lend their support and see their bear jump from the church tower is welcome to come forward.

Mr Davies explained to The GEM: "I bought Roland Rat over 25 years ago, while my wife was recovering from a serious heart operation in hospital.

"I was visiting and walked around the shops there and because she was feeling down, I bought it for her. She kept it, and ever since she died, they have always sat on the bed together where she left them."

The operation is professionally executed. All bears are weighed for their parachute to be fitted and have to undergo a medical. Once passed, they perform the jump and children dressed as doctors and nurses are on hand to take 'hurt bears' to the 'medical tent'.

They then receive a certificate to say they completed the feat.

Operation Christmas Child is described by Samaritan's Purse as the "world's largest children's Christmas appeal" and consists of children and parents donating shoeboxes full of gifts for impoverished children in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Last year alone, they delivered 1.12 million shoeboxes to children in need and they hope for that to continue.

"I love this event," added Mr Davies of the parachute jump. "I agree with the charity and what they do is big.

"A small shoebox of goodies going to children is big; some of them have never had something like that before. It helps genuine children who haven't got a lot."

But parachute jumps aren't Aberfan Taff's first attempts at fundraising, as Mr Davies explains:

"I bought Aberfan Taff in Aberfan for £2 in 1966, a lot of money back then, to support the relief fund for the 144 people killed in the landslide.

"The teddies were made to raise money for the families and I am delighted that he is still raising money today."

*For more information on the jump, contact organiser Shirley Powell* on 01446 749689.

**LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS**

# CCTV arrests

**CCTV operators at the Vale Council contacted the police on 47 occasions during the week ending May 6, resulting in seven arrests.**

On April 30, two people were arrested concerning theft in Barry, one on Holton Road and one on Herbert Street.

On May 2, a person wanted on warrant was arrested on Skomer Road, Barry, and on May 3 another person also wanted on warrant was arrested on Broad Street, Barry.

On May 4 an arrest was made on Ramsey Road, Barry for alleged assault and theft.

There was an arrest involving possession of an offensive weapon on Holton Road on May 5 and another arrest concerning being drunk and disorderly was made in Penarth, on May 6, on Windsor Road.

## PLAID SURGERY

***RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns with Plaid Cymru councillors Nic Hodges, Shirley Hodges and Steffan Wiliam.***

***They will be joined by Barry Shaw, Keith Stockdale, Steve Blakeman, Marilyn Brown and Dr Ian Johnson, at the County Library, King Square, Barry, from 11am-12 noon on Saturday, May 12. No appointments are necessary.***

## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

# LDP was major factor behind disappointing election results

**THERE'S no denying that it was a disappointing night last Thursday at the count for the local council elections.**

Since that time, it has been pleasing to hear that the Prime Minister understands the concerns, frustration and expectations of people here in the Vale and across the country.

Local Conservative councillors worked really hard over the last four years. In spite of gaining credit from auditors and a range of independent inspectors across health, social services and education, the wider political picture meant that they paid a very high price.

There was a complex political picture here in the Vale. A Conservative/Lib Dem coalition at UK level; a Labour-run Assembly and a Conservative-run council. Working out who is responsible for what is not as straightforward as it may appear.

Without question, the Local Development Plan (LDP) was a priority issue on the doorstep. The plan is demanded by the Assembly and directed the Vale Council to find space for 10,000 new houses.

As a result, the local council took the blame for something they didn't want to do in the first place. The approach in England, dictated by UK Government is very different, where imposing new building on any community cannot take place in such a way.

Vale Conservative MP **Alun Cairns** reports to GEM readers

It will be interesting to see how the new council will approach this issue. Some parties talked about scrapping the LDP but in reality, this is not an option, according to the Welsh Government.

People were also frustrated about the lack of money available for local projects – new schools, roads, parks etc.

Again, the local authority were hamstrung by the funding (or lack of it) provided by the Welsh Government.

The Vale receives one of the poorest funding settlements of all local authorities across Wales. We receive £77 less per person than Cardiff and £188 less per head than Bridgend.

This is something that has to be addressed. Why do we have to pay more and receive less than other parts of Wales?

### *Confused message*

The confused message from Westminster also didn't help.

Five months ago, David Cameron was at his highest level of popularity since becoming Prime Minister. This was at the time when he vetoed the EU treaty.

What's happened since? The Liberal Democrat partners were uncomfortable with this standpoint and, as a result, he had to row back somewhat. This caused confusion amongst the electorate.

He should have stuck to his original position and pleased the country in standing up to Europe, rather than one sixth of the coalition.

All governments need to focus on what really matters; the economy, health, education and skills, immigration and Europe. They need to work in support of each other to help overcome the national debt and the need for job creation.

*I will do all I can to support the Vale Council, whoever runs it, to gain a fair funding settlement, and hope that they will respond to the need for further efficiency gains and cost cutting to help reduce the impact of the national debt.*

# Vale Flying Vet is jailed for breach of restraining order

**VALE Flying Vet Maurice Kirk has been jailed for nine months at Cardiff Crown Court and ordered to pay £1,000 costs**

By a unanimous verdict, Mr Kirk, 66, formerly of St Donats, and currently domiciled in Brittany, was found guilty of breaching a restraining order by placing prohibited material on the internet.

Prosecutor Gareth Evans said that last December at Cardiff Magistrates Court, Mr Kirk was convicted of harassing forensic psychiatrist Tegwyn Williams.

District Judge John Charles made a restraining order prohibiting Mr Kirk from contacting Dr Williams, and from disseminating any material relating to him.

He was also banned from placing any information concerning Dr Williams on the internet, and was banned from going to Dr Williams' workplace at the Caswell Clinic, Bridgend.

Mr Evans said Mr Kirk declined to be present when the order was made. He was personally provided with the order in the cells.

But, said Mr Evans, despite the order, he put material concerning Dr Williams on the website.

"It was a blatant contravention," said Mr Evans.

Mr Kirk was arrested in London and interviewed by the police in Cardiff on December 23, when he claimed he was not given a copy of the order.

He told officers: "I knew nothing whatsoever about the order until today."

At the end of the prosecution case when Kirk was invited to give evidence, he lowered his trousers in the dock and Judge John Curran ordered him to be taken to the cells.

A member of the public, a friend of Mr Kirk's, who had been advising him during the case, said that because of his conduct, he was withdrawing his services.

Mr Kirk refused to return to court, saying: "I want my brief and a doctor."

Judge Curran then drafted a document which was read to Mr Kirk by a member of the security staff, saying he could give evidence in his defence, call any witnesses he wished, and he could also address the jury.

The judge said that if Mr Kirk continued to refuse to come to court, the case would continue in his absence.

"I'm not having the trial process thwarted by Mr Kirk's behaviour," said Judge Curran.

Later, Mr Kirk sent a note to the judge saying he was not in a position to give evidence and wanted Dr Williams called as a witness.

**AJ SICLUNA**

# *Vale's inspiring Olympic Torchbearers get together*

*Julie Crayford, Kay Richmond, Karen O Donahue-Harris, Lara Cowpe, Bev Hopkins, Nicholas Cushen, James French and Alun Cairns MP.*

**FIFTEEN inspirational Vale residents chosen as London 2012 Olympic Flame Torchbearers, have been congratulated by the local MP.**

Alun Cairns had asked to meet them at a get-together in advance of their big day.

It was also an opportunity for the select group to meet and get to know their fellow runners from Dinas Powys, Barry, Rhoose and Llantwit Major.

The MP explained: "I was keen to wish all the Vale Olympic Flame Torchbearers well in person.

"I wanted to add my personal congratulations on being nominated for such a special task, as they take it in turns to carry the flame through the Vale on May 26.

"Meeting them was inspirational. Each nominee had their own story to tell of how they've helped others, and overcome personal difficulties with determination and perseverance.

"Others had succeeded at international level in their chosen sport, and many had contributed hugely to their local communities through commitment to charity fundraising activities."

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# THIS LATEST SLICE OF PIE FEELS A LITTLE BIT STALE!

**Reunited, and it feels so good... so sang Peaches and Herb, but as anyone who has attended a school reunion will attest, realising that that horrible, ignorant school pupil who was in your class is now rich and successful, feels anything but good.**

The subject of reunions crops up in *American Reunion*, which sees the cast of the *American Pie* franchise hook back up again, 13 years after our first slice.

This time around, the the guys and gals (among them Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, and Eddie Kay Thomas) meet up again to see how their lives have changed from their teenage years, where hilarity will, no doubt, ensue...

When *American Pie* hit cinemas in 1999, it went beyond mere extreme comedy, the mix of heart and characters that were likeable and relatable making it a *Porky's* for the pre-millennial generation. While the two sequels slightly blunted the success of the first, *American Reunion's* promise of seeing the old gang back together again was a more than appealing prospect.

In actuality, the film certainly raises laughs-a-plenty, but as fond as it is to see where the characters have ended up more than a decade later, it can't escape a feeling of being somewhat contrived and reliant on jokes harking back to the original rather than creating its own identity.

What the film does best is in amping up just how much teenage life has changed so much in the intervening periods – the parties wilder, the behaviour less restrained – with the gang looking on; the sense of time passing is felt acutely, teenage concerns of proms and underage drinking giving way to marriage and job crises.

However, aside from a subplot which sees the boys anger a group of teens, the comedy tends to rely more on setpieces from yesteryear – so Jim has an embarassing mishap in the kitchen, the "This one time at band camp..." line is trotted out again, and the boys find themselves unwittingly caught up in events that spiral out of control.

With *Harold and Kumar*... directors Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossburg on duty here, there is no shortage of gross-out comedy moments on show, but while the pair show a more restrained eye than with their two most famous characters, there is nothing here to really get you excited, nothing that really sticks out in the memory, the film almost a victim of past successes.

The cast (some of whom it's fair to say were probably looking forward to a payday) all reprise their roles with ease, their turns fitting the characters and material like a glove; but the plaudits really go to Seann William Scott and Eugene Levy.

Stifler is a character that lives long in the memory and here, William Scott's foul mouthed hilarious turn really propels the film.

While those around him have grown up, Stifler is still trying to party like it's 1999, and his moments are by the far the funniest in the film, run close by Levy (arguably the breakout of the first film) who, as Jim's widowed dad, enjoys a meeting with Stifler's mum that raises laughs and touches hearts.

With nostalgia such a big selling point, it isn't surprising that we have been brought another slice of Pie; after all, to my generation, the original was as important as *The Inbetweeners* is to this one.

But too much looking back and not enough looking forward is a dangerous thing, and that is what does for *American Reunion* ultimately – it is a film that puts too much emphasis on the past, and as nice as it is to catch up with Jim and the rest of them, there isn't much fresh mileage.

**VERDICT:** Not quite the comeback hoped for, *American Reunion* manages to raise laughs, but its reliance on rehashing old jokes and situations feels nice, but offers nothing new.

The performances are likeable enough and the film makes for easy viewing, but fans of the franchise will feel this latest slice of Pie is a little stale. ***Average.***

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *American Pie* (1999), *Porky's* (1982), *The Inbetweeners Movie* (2011).

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**by GARETH JAMIESON**

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## AUCTION

**A GLAMORGAN Hunt auction will take place at Wern Wen Farm, Trebettyn, on Friday May 11. Viewing from 4pm and and auction 7pm. Many equestrian and other items including old prints, toys, clothing and promises.**

## IOLO WALK

**THE Iolo Morgannwg Community Walk – Cowbridge to St Hilary, takes place on Saturday May 12, part of the Valeways Walking Festival programme.**

*Start at 10am at the Old Hall Gardens by the pond. Return around 3.30pm.*

# *Students shine in show*

**STAGECOACH students from Bridgend and the Vale recently performed at St David's Hall, Cardiff. 'An Evening of Movies and Musicals', produced by Matthew Hampson of M&M Productions was in aid of Breast Cancer Care Cymru, and featured an exceptional line-up of stars from the world of musical theatre, opera and comedy.**

The 50 Stagecoach children were thrilled to sing with an 80 piece orchestra, as part of a 300-strong choir, and help to support such an important charity.

The evening featured well-known performers including Shân Cothi, Wynne Evans (star of 'Go Compare' ad), James Fox (*Fame Academy*, *Chess The Musical*), Keith Jack (BBC's *Any Dream Will Do*) and Mike Doyle.

One of the stars of the night, Keith Jack, currently touring as the lead in the musical *Joseph*, has now invited Stagecoach children to perform with him in July when his own show *Up Close and Personal* tours venues in Wales.

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# Out and About with The GEM

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**MARIE Curie Cancer Care is asking local people to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party this June and July to help raise funds for the charity.**

It can be as simple as a cuppa with colleagues, a vintage inspired tea party or even a party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Mountaineer Richard Parks, pictured at the summit of Aconcagua recently showing his support for the Blooming Great Tea Party, proves that is doesn't matter where you are you can pop the kettle on.

*Call 08700 340 040 for more information.*

**Plant & Produce Sale**
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## Indulge your craft favourites at Cardiff City football stadium

**A BRAND new craft and hobby show is coming to Cardiff City Stadium on May 25-26, where the Welsh craft community can indulge their hobbies with national favourites such as Stamp Addicts, Stampasaurus and Mulberry Silks, as well as promoting local businesses like Nantiago, 'The Bead Room @Boxes n Busts' and The Beads Nest, and many more.**

**There will also be a wide range of talented Welsh crafts people showcasing their handcrafted goodies and products for those who would just like to come and shop!**

**From beautiful handmade leather items to cupcakes and jewellery, there are some fabulous items all locally made.**

**Entrance is just £3, which includes a free cup of tea or coffee, and there will be goody bags for the first 50 visitors, so please join us for a great day out.**

**Opening times are 9.30am-5pm on Friday and 9am-5.30pm on Saturday.**

**We are always offering a range of great workshops from beginners to advanced if you fancy trying your hand at something new.**

***Please call Sara on 02920643690 or email: saralouise.kearsmith@compassgroup.co.uk for further details.***

### Hard of Hearing Club

**MONTHLY meetings of the Penarth Hard of Hearing Club are held at Trinity Methodist Church, Woodlands Place, Penarth, on the first Monday of every month (second Monday if there is a Bank Holiday) at 2pm.**

*Tea available and regular guest speakers present.*

### Coffee morning

**ALL Saint's Church, Park Road, Barry, will be holding its annual coffee morning on Saturday, May 12 at 10.30am-12 noon.**

There will be the usual cake stall, bric-a-brac, tombola and two raffles.

Admission 50p, including a drink.

*All proceeds go to church funds. Everyone is welcome.*

### Live music

**THERE'S live soul music at Gordon Bennett on Saturday May 12 where Nation Stack will be performing from 9pm. Entry is free.**

### Valeways walks

**ON Sunday, May 13 at 2pm, the Welsh walking club will meet for the 'Scenic Sigingstone' walk at the roadside opposite the Victoria Inn, Sigingstone, Llantwit Major, CF71 7LP.**

On Thursday, May 24 at 10.30am, 'Into the Rising Sun,' meeting at Llantwit Major beach car park.

### Unusual plants fair

**AN unusual plants fair, including specialist nurseries from across Wales and the borders, is being hosted by Cosmeston Lakes Country Park, Penarth, on Sunday May 13, 10am-6pm.**

*Free entry to both the fair and Cosmeston Lakes Country Park. Parking also free. For further information contact: 01446 774036.*

### Diabetes meeting

**DIABETES UK's Vale of Glamorgan Voluntary Group will be meeting on May 15 in the Board Room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, at 7.30pm, when the speaker is Mrs Ellan Blanks, volunteer development officer of Diabetes UK Cymru, Cardiff.**

New members are always welcome. Telephone 01446 746639 for more information.

### Penarth exhibition

**THE Penarth Hard of Hearing Club is holding an exhibition on Wednesday May 16 in the foyer of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Ynysmaerdy, Llantrisant, from 10am-3pm.**

### Live music

***LIVE soul music from The Don at the Gordon Bennett on Saturday May 19 from 9pm. Entry is free.***

### Praise in the Park

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, Church Road, Rhoose, is celebrating its centenary this year.**

On May 27 we are holding a community event – Praise in the Park.

The event will be held in Milburn Park, Fontygary Road from 3pm-5pm and will be led by the Royal Air Force St Athan Voluntary Band, children from Rhoose Primary School and St Peter's Worship Team.

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*One of the Barry gardens.*

**Barry Gardens, Barry**

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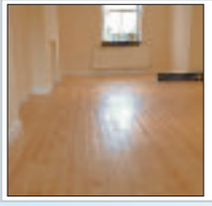

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# Visit a local garden

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## Cyncoed and Llanishen Gardens

*Admission £4, open Sunday, May 13, 2pm-6pm.*

THIS interesting group has expanded from two to four gardens this year.

Three of the suburban gardens were carved out of woodland in the 1930s when the houses were built and they are surrounded by trees.

The fourth house was originally a Victorian cottage.

These gardens have a multitude of shrubs, climbing roses, clematis, hostas, succulents and ferns and many unusual plants.

The owners include sculptures and features in their gardens and spend time on landscaping.

*Two of the gardens have been maintained by the same family owners for nearly half a century.*

## Tony Riddler's Garden

*Admission £3, Sunday, May 13, 2pm-5pm.*

GRAPHIC designer's 1/3acre garden behind a modest terrace house.

The garden is divided into a series of formal spaces and vistas largely defined by narrow stepped pathways, sculptures, yew hedges and box topiary. Regret, no children.

*Featured in 'Discovering Welsh Gardens' by Stephen Anderton.*

# WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE?

Barry Rugby Football Club – **The Reservoir Field, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry** – To extend to eastern side of existing clubhouse new lounge and toilet facilities; to extend viewing area and front entrance porch, to include internal alterations.

Mr Rhydian Lloyd – **Ysgol Cymraeg, Gwaun y Nant, Amroth Court, Barry** – Proposed single storey extension.

Mrs A Richards – **7 Beach Road, Penarth** – Cut down fir tree in front garden.

Miss Rozanne Lord – **Hen Felin, Duffryn** – Removal of three short sections of hedgerow.

Mr Andrew Thomas – **Burton Cottage, East Aberthaw** – Proposed indoor swimming pool and associated structure, to replace existing outdoor (open air) swimming pool.

Mr Hugh Thomas – **Rock Cottage, Fonmon** – Extend existing garden room and utility room and combine with existing conservatory making one large garden room at ground floor level. Also construct one additional bedroom at first floor level.

Mrs Lynda Williams – **Moorlands Farm, Wick Road, Llantwit Major** – Change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwellings at land and buildings at Moorlands Farm, Wick Road, Llantwit Major.

Mr John Williams – **Sealawns Hotel, Slon Lane, Ogmore by Sea** – Demolition of former hotel and construction of nine apartments including car parking and landscaping.

Asbri Planning Limited – **Lake Farm Barns, St Athan Road, Cowbridge** – Use of the former outbuilding as a residential annex ancillary to the main dwelling.

Mr Anthony Kerslake – **Brook Farm, Llanmaes** – Re-design of previously approved 4-bed detached dwellings with double garages, under planning application 2006/00599/FUL at Brook Farm, Llanmaes, Plots 1 and 2.

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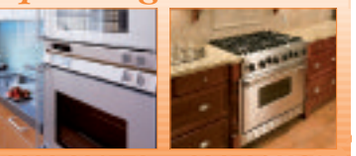

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Farmhouse Developments Ltd – **The Cottage, The Red Lion Inn, Pendoylan** – Demolition and construction of a dilapidated single storey cottage to form a two storey living accommodation and change of use from C1 to C3.

Mr Roger Bassett – **Highmead, Pen y Lan, Newton, Cowbridge** – Extension to north of lounge area and undercroft; Alterations to kitchen, utility room, east win; Alterations to bedrooms, south wing; New raised roof area to incorporate bedroom/bathroom/study; Replace existing concrete roof tiles with roof slate.

Miss Allison Sing – **73 Cae Canol, Caversham Park, Penarth** – Small extension to the rear of the property.

Mr Simon Leyshon – **44 Greenfield Avenue, Dinas Powys** – Single storey extension to side of existing property, to incorporate a utility room.

Mr Adrian George – **78 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – Two storey side extension.

Mr Trevor Taylor – **Land at Hill Farm, Hensol** – Application for the erection of an agricultural building and associated farm track and entrance improvements.

Mrs Victoria Williams – **Old Factory House, Factory Road, Llanblethian** – Refurbishment and extension of single residential dwelling house and integral garage.

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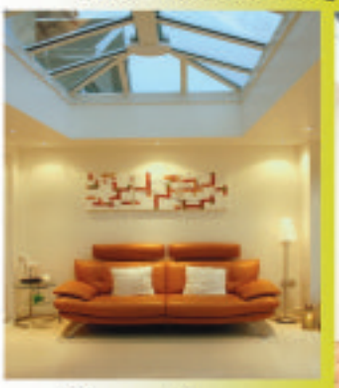

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# Going that extra length... to raise much-needed money for the Llandough Breast Centre

**by LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS**

**A CHARITY walk to raise money for the Breast Centre at Llandough Hospital is being arranged for May 27 at Cottrell Park Golf Club, where children will be able to go along and learn about exotic animals in a 'Walk on the Wild Side'.**

Lengths for Life is a fundraising group set up by staff at the centre, along with passionate fundraisers, that ensures the people of the Vale have the best treatment possible if they are diagnosed with the disease.

It is one of their core fundraising events of 2012, and they hope that as many people as possible will turn up to support the work of the centre's staff.

*Justina Simpson is one of the founding members of Lengths for Life, and she spoke to The GEM about the charity.*

She said: "Lengths for Life is a major fundraising drive which is in its second year. It is absolutely crucial for the treatment and service of cancer patients at Llandough Hospital Breast Centre.

"There is so much we need to buy for the care and comfort of the patients. We also want to push the people on the front lines in to the media eye, the nurses and the patients."

'Walk on the Wild Side' is a great opportunity to boost their funds, and it is set to be a fun day out for all, as Ms Simpson explained: "We want to educate children and give them a fun day out. We've got lots of wild animals like geckos and pythons along the route for them to say hello to."

Sarah Edwards is an employee at the golf club, and also works at the Breast Centre in Llandough. She added that the walk would provide a fun day out for families.

She told The GEM: "As part of the fundraising group, and as a mum of two, I suggested the Breast Centre organise an event that would be hugely fun for the whole family, but also really educational.

"Children and parents will be wowed by the breathtaking scenery, but what's even more special is the wild and wonderful creatures they will encounter on their walk.

"From geckos and lizards to snakes and meerkats, this really *is* a walk on the wild side."

Golf club member Louise Case knows more than most how vital the care the Breast Centre provides is. She told The GEM about her struggle fighting the disease.

She said: "As a fairly fit and healthy golfer, I was shocked to discover a lump in my breast.

"Initially, I had several appointments over several weeks at the University Hospital outpatients department for a mammogram, biopsy and scanning before the diagnosis was finally confirmed. It was breast cancer, my worst fear!

"Once the diagnosis was formally confirmed, I attended Llandough Hospital for a scan. Mr Moneypenny, a breast consultant, intended to remove the sentinel lymph glands as a slightly less invasive procedure than removing them all completely.

"I then stepped onto the rollercoaster of two lots of surgery in October and November 2009 at Llandough Hospital, then followed 18 months of chemotherapy and Herceptin at Velindre Hospital.

"The opening of the new dedicated unit at Llandough is without doubt a step in the right direction, and avoids the inconsistency of going between two hospitals. The new unit is a one-stop shop, which negates the need for appointments over several weeks for mammograms, scans etc.

"Having these procedures in one day avoids weeks of anguish and worry.

"Although the diagnosis of breast cancer is a devastating blow, I believe that the more personal touch of a dedicated unit helps. For me it was comforting to be able to walk through those doors and to know that everyone else there at least understood in some way how I was feeling."

She also backed the event, adding: "After talking with Sarah Edwards, we agreed that Cottrell Park nature trail would be a most excellent venue to host the 'Lengths for Life' fundraising walk.

"To that end, I would ask anyone young or old to please come and give your support and walk the full 4km, or just as much as you can manage, in aid of the breast unit.

"Although the unit is up and running, more money is needed for equipment and to assist with opening a dedicated teaching facility."

Anyone can raise money for Lengths for Life through any means available, and the charity will be there to support you.

"We set people their own challenge, whether they want to walk, run or have a charity rugby match," Ms Simpson added. "We then help them with sponsor packs that include things like posters and sponsorship forms.

"We appreciate there is a tough economic climate currently and that is why we appreciate everything you can raise. We don't expect you to raise a fortune! Even if it is just £10 or £20.

"Our core message is 'what lengths would you go to to help people in The Vale with breast cancer?' We want everyone to go extra lengths to raise money."

Another major factor of the charity is that those involved with the day-to-day treatment of cancer patients at the Breast Centre are also involved in the fundraising efforts.

"We've only got a small team, but everyone is hands on," continued Ms Simpson. "The doctors and surgeons are at these events collecting and the nurses do the same.

"That's why I'm so passionate. These people are there when you find out you are ill and despite being so busy they give up their spare time to collect.

"Mr Sumit Goyal is the lead clinician at Llandough. The Breast Centre is his baby. He shouldn't have to do this but he does. He deserves so much credit!"

She concluded by stressing the importance of raising money for the local care centre, where anyone in the Vale who falls ill would receive treatment.

"People often fundraise for the big household names, but what they don't realise is the money doesn't stay in Wales," she added.

"That's what we need to hammer home. If their relatives fall ill, they will get all their treatment at Llandough, so we want the money to stay in the Vale and go to helping local people.

"If all the people who ran for the big charities ran for us, we'd be one of the top centres in the UK."

*If you want to take part in the 'Walk on the Wild Side', register at: www.lengthsforlife.co, or call Sarah on 07790 319 001.*

*The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre*
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*We are open 12 noon-4pm, Tuesday-Sunday, and are now open late until 8pm on Wednesdays.*

***Samuel is looking for a new home.***

# TIARAS AND PYJAMAS...

***Fundraisers warm up for the walk.***

# Sleep Walk is a huge success!

**LADIES who took part in the 'Tiaras and Pyjamas'-themed Ty Hafan midnight sleep walk on Friday May 4 at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, were thrilled to have a guest appearance from Torchwood star John Barrowman.**

After a week of heavy rain and showers the weather was kind to the 800 participants, who began to register from as early as 9.30pm.

Another guest had an uncanny resemblance to Captain Jack Sparrow (aka Johnny Depp). He had the ladies guessing whether Ty Hafan had managed to enlist the support from two celebrities.

Music and continuity was provided by Barry-based Bro Radio, and the girls from Curves led the warm-up routine designed to get those legs stretched ready for the walk, which gave participants the opportunity to show their support for the mums and dads of life-limited children, who rarely experience an uninterrupted night's sleep.

"It was really kind of John to show his support for Ty Hafan in this way," said event organiser Craig Ananin. "Without a doubt, his involvement encouraged the ladies to register for the event and, in fact, we had to close it at 800 over a week ago so apologies to anyone we had to turn away.

***ABOVE: Torchwood star John Barrowman was on hand to support the sleep walking ladies!***

"With an ever-increasing number of children and families being referred to Ty Hafan's services it is so important that our events are supported and I would like to thank all the ladies and the volunteer marshals for helping to make the night a great success."

*More photographs will be available for viewing at: www.tyhafan.org.*

# An audience with Yazz

***1980s pop star Yazz is coming to Cowbridge.***

**IN the summer of 1988, singer Yazz (born Yasmin Evans) released her debut single, 'The Only Way Is Up'.**

It went on to become the biggest-selling UK single of the year, following five weeks at the top of the charts.

Today, Yazz is a successful contemporary Christian recording artist.

She lives in Spain, but occasionally returns to the UK to tour and promote her albums and is now coming to Cowbridge!

An Audience With Yazz, called 'Fame2Freedom', will be held on Friday, May 18 at 7pm in Holy Cross Parish Church, Cowbridge.

The evening will have a personal atmosphere with an intimate, interview-style backdrop, interspersed with live singing and contemporary visuals.

Yazz shares the story of her life journey to Christian faith with honesty and tenderness.

Following the performance, the audience is invited to stay on for refreshments and an opportunity to talk to Yazz in person.

Already, tickets have been sold as far afield as Bristol, so it looks set to be an evening to remember.

Tickets cost £3 and are available from: Sorrento, 67 High Street, Cowbridge; Noah's Place, 21 Westgate, Cowbridge; and the Holy Cross Parish Office, Church Street, Cowbridge.

For further enquiries please phone the Parish Office on 01446 772302.

This event has been organised by Cowbridge and District Churches Together.

**Kate Hibbert**

# WHAT'S ON: *in brief*

## Llanmaes plant sale

**ON Sunday, May 13, between 11am and 3pm, Llanmaes Social Committee will be holding their annual plant sale in the grounds of Llanmaes Village Hall, offering a variety of bedding plants, hanging baskets, annuals and perennials for sale.**

*All plants are either grown by local 'celebrity' gardener, Bill Lee, or donated by village residents.*

## Woodland wildplay

**ON May 19, there will be a day of adventure and magic, skills and story at Coed Hills Rural Artspace.**

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Her career has continued to progress and she is now a well-respected medical secretary. Recently, the national magazine Women's Own approached Tracy as they wanted to feature her success story in their magazine. Well done, Tracy, you are a real inspiration!

Tracy said: "Thanks again for everything, believing in me and making me believe in myself!"

*For further information, please contact Melanie, Katie or Leanne at Pitman Training Cardiff on 02920 342020 or cardiff@pitman-training.net.*

## VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!

**SUPPORTED by the Big Lottery Fund, the Vale Volunteer Bureau is launching a new project to give young people aged 16-24 extra support to jump start their volunteering.**

Holly Williams, who runs the project, will help new volunteers with application forms and support them on a one-to-one basis during initial stages.

She hopes "it will help young people to get involved with positive volunteering they would otherwise miss out on."

Volunteers will be able to find out about the 800 plus volunteer roles in and around the Vale and also gain the free Agored Cymru qualification.

*For more information on getting involved, or any aspect of volunteering in the Vale, contact Holly Williams, Youth Volunteering Officer on 01446 421782 or holly@vvb.org.uk or pop into the VVB at 34 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HD.*

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The First Minister said: "It is a pleasure to welcome the ambassador to Wales as the Welsh Government values greatly the longstanding and deep rooted business and cultural links between Wales and Japan."

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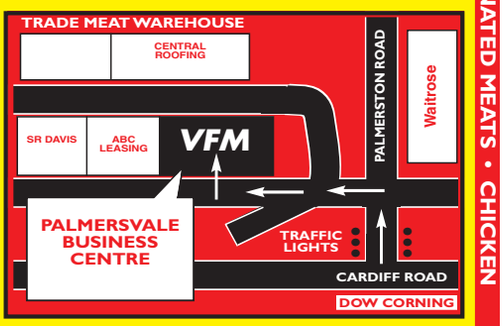


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# Scouts transform school hall into Grand Prix!

**ON Sunday, April 29, St Richard Gwyn High School sports hall was transformed into a racing track for one day only to host the Vale Scout District Go-kart Grand Prix.**

Scout Troops from St Athan, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge had for the last six weeks been busy building go-karts to the same basic specification. They were then given 'carte blanche' to add the finishing touches; go faster stripes and, in the case of St Athan, who were supported by B & Q, a dragster with flames!

Approximately 60 uniformed Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, together with leaders, and supported by parents and other family members, attended the exciting event which was preceded by a promise renewal ceremony.

Everyone involved in Scouting renewed their promise in front of Simon Miskin, the District Commissioner for the Vale.

Once the formalities were over, the teams headed for their pits to put on safety gear and prepare for the races.

The first race was the 'Le Mans' medley, which gave each section a 10-minute time slot to do as many laps as possible.

The Beavers manoeuvred the go-karts bravely around the track, the Cubs were a little more confident, charging around cheekily, and the Scouts sped their way around the track shouting and screaming their heads off!

Immediately after the 'Le Mans' medley was the 'Grand Prix', which was the best three pushers and drivers from each section racing against the other groups.

This time it was first over the winning line. Tension mounted as each section steadied their nerves trying to steer around the track without colliding with the safety bollards or any other karts.

After a well-earned refreshment break of tea, coffee, squash, home-made cakes and crisps, the 'Grand Prix' was followed by relay races for all sections as well as a leaders' race and a parents' race.

All races received lots of cheering and shouting from the leaders and parents as well as the other children not racing at that time.

The roof was lifted off St Richard Gwyn High School for most of the afternoon, there was no shortage of competitiveness!

The races concluded and all that remained was the presentation ceremony. Trophies were awarded to the winning race teams and everyone received a certificate for taking part.

Simon Miskin, District Commissioner, said: "Today has been a fantastic event which has really brought together Scouts from all sections across the Vale District. The Scout Troops should be applauded for making the go-karts, without them this event would not have taken place.

"Everyone who took part today, both on and off the race track, is a winner, and should feel proud to be a part of Scouting in the Vale.

"Subject to the District Committee's agreement, and on the basis of such a successful and safe event, this was hoped to be an annual event."

There are Beaver Colonies (aged six-eight), Cub Packs (aged eight-10), and Scout Troops (aged 10-14) in St Athan, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge as well as an Explorer Unit for Scouts aged 14-18. There is also a new Beaver Colony starting in St Brides.

All these groups rely on the support of parents and adult volunteers to make successful events such as the 'Grand Prix' happen.

*If you are interested in volunteering in any Section or Group across the Vale please contact 01446 754208.*

**Joanne Gower**

*The St Athan Scout winners savour Grand-Prix glory.*

*The Llantwit Major Beaver winners.*

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# Vale Ramblers take to the coastal path

*The VOG Ramblers marked the opening of the Wales Coastal Path.*

**THE Wales Coastal Path was officially opened last week and to celebrate, the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers led a walk along the coastal path.**

The meeting place was the train station at Llantwit Major, and from there we made our way firstly over fields, then down a very muddy green lane.

Before too long, we joined the coastal path, made our way across a pebbly beach at Tresilian Bay, and from there we continued along to St Donats. We saw them launching the RNLI inflatable boat that is stationed there, but thankfully, it was not an emergency, just a routine patrol.

After coffee, we continued westwards towards Nash Point, where quite a few people were enjoying the sunshine, spending the day on the beach, and walking the cliffs. The group then made its way inland, through the nature reserve, and on to the village.

In the afternoon, we diverted along the public footpaths inland, as we made our way back to the starting point.

**Gwenda Fitzpatrick**

# Ty Hafan winners

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw:**

- **£2,000:** 588060.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £10,000, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 588060, 486418, 433146, 140850, 286503, 346913, 310220, 316758, 678987, 612188, 329726, 392636, 805425, 734013, 141089, 708119, 892510, 219671, 873067, 250746, 725622.
- **£5:** 741030, 858212, 599818, 654299, 687733, 677486, 418283, 103986, 837573, 410635, 518148, 703362, 250590, 198353, 871258, 772296, 991332, 799828, 449169, 327907, 422297, 415130, 434749, 928752, 530385, 213217, 897379, 217436, 699925, 251641, 577210, 952933, 132539, 443949, 484580, 334000, 806112, 942164, 540950, 773065, 860096, 619964, 465906, 958868, 865976, 648049, 386516, 664286, 190408, 837275, 427180, 463045, 586383, 258927, 342350, 712700, 671739, 754442, 973787, 950446, 681919.

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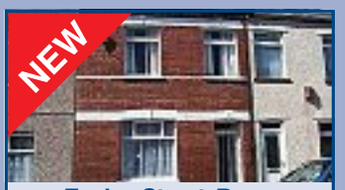


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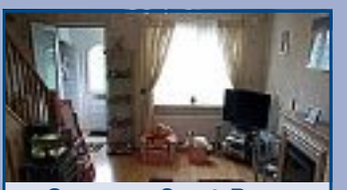

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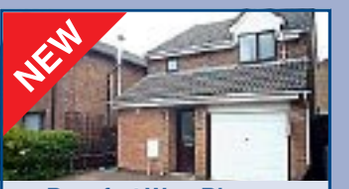


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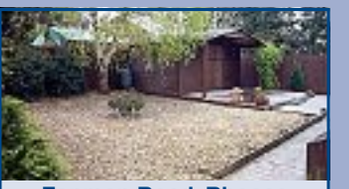

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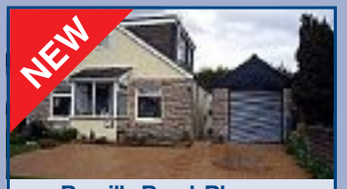


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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday May 15, service 10.45am at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon.

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### SNELL
### Florence

*14.12.1944 - 05.05.2012*

**It is with regret and deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Florence who will be greatly missed by all her family and friends around the world.**

Husband Gerry, son Neil, daughter-in-law Leah, grand-daughter Scarlett, brothers Ralph, Norman and Chuckie, step-children Simon and Susan, their partners Sarah and Keith and step-grandchildren Alex, Chloe, William and Jennifer.

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### SULLIVAN
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**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**
**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 43 ST ANDREWS MAJOR)**
**DIVERSION ORDER 2012**

The above Order was made on the 18th day of April 2012. The effect of the Order will be to divert the route of the public footpath from that described in the Schedule and shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the Dock Office, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT from 9.00am to 4.00pm on any weekday. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representation about or objection to the Order, may be sent or delivered in writing addressed to the Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT not later than the 7th day of June 2012. You should clearly state the grounds on which the representation or objection is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, The Vale of Glamorgan Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Assembly Government for confirmation, any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

**Dated this 10th day of May 2012**

**Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration**
**Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 14**

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**
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Yn ystod y dydd dyma yw cartref pob math o gystadlaethau o gorau i berfformiadau offerynnol i'r prif seremoniau llenyddol ac yn ystod y nos fe fydd y pafiliwn yn cael ei drawsnewid yn neuadd gyngerdd gyda pherfformwyr o'r radd eithaf.

Ymhlith yr artistiaid eleni bydd Only Men Aloud, Only Boys Aloud, Karl Jenkins, Dennis O'Neill, Rebecca Evans, Dafydd Iwan a Caryl Parry Jones.

Ychwanegwch Is Bafiliynau a dros 300 o stondinau yn cynnig gweithgareddau a perfformiadau llenyddol, gwyddoniaeth, dawns, theatr, arddangosfa celfyddydau gweledol, perfformiadau a gweithgareddau di-ri i'r plant a llwyfan perfformio yn cynnwys cerddoriaeth o bob math.

Mae'r Eisteddfod yn gymysgedd eclectig o ddiwylliant, cerddoriaeth, celfyddyd a phob math o weithgareddau ar gyfer pobl o bob oed, yn sicr bydd rhywbeth at ddant pawb ar y Maes.

## Only Boys Aloud. yn Llwyddo Dros Brydain

**COFIWCH ddefnyddio eich pleidlais nos Sadwrn yma i bleidleisio dros Only Boys Aloud yn rownd derfynol rhaglen *Britain's Got Talent*!**

Mae'r côr o fechgyn 14-19 oed o'r Cymoedd, a grewyd yn arbennig ar gyfer cyngerdd agoriadol Eisteddfod Blaenau Gwent a Blaenau'r Cymoedd, wedi bod yn llwyddiant ysgubol yn ystod y gyfres, a'r pedwar beirniad wedi mopio gyda'u perfformiadau yn y rownd gychwynnol ac yn y rownd gyn-derfynol dros y penwythnos.

Meddai Elfed Roberts, Prif Weithredwr yr Eisteddfod, "Rwy'n sicr ein bod i gyd wedi mwynhau perfformiad gwefreiddiol Only Boys Aloud dros y penwythnos, a braf yw gweld bod nifer fawr o'u cefnogwyr wedi mynd ati i brynu tocynnau ar gyfer y cyngerdd agoriadol yn yr Eisteddfod eleni ers eu llwyddiant.

Rydym yn annog pawb i gefnogi'r bechgyn yn y rownd derfynol nos Sadwrn, a gobeithio y byddan nhw'n dod i'r brig yn y gystadleuaeth.

"Mae'r Eisteddfod yn hynod falch o'n cysylltiad ni gydag Only Boys Aloud, a'n bod ni wedi bod yn rhan o gychwyn y prosiect gan roi'u llwyfan cyntaf iddyn nhw ddwy flynedd yn ôl.

"Mae'r côr wedi mynd o nerth i nerth ers hynny, ac yn ddi-os, maen nhw'n rhan o waddol diwylliannol a chymunedol yr Eisteddfod yn y de ddwyrain. Pob llwyddiant iddyn nhw nos Sadwrn."

Mae Cymdeithas Adeiladu'r Principality yn cefnogi'r côr, ac meddai Pat Ashman, Rheolwr Nawdd a Digwyddiadau'r cwmni: "Mae'r Principality wedi cefnogi Only Boys Aloud ers y cychwyn a rydan ni falch iawn o lwyddiant y bechgyn yn cyrraedd y rownd derfynol yn Britain's

Got Talent.

"Mae hyn nid yn unig yn hwb iddyn nhw fel côr ond i Gymru gyfan, ac yn lwyfan bendigedig i ganu corawl yng Nghymru, sydd hefyd yn bwysig i ni fel cwmni.

"Rydym yn noddi cystadlaethau corawl yr Eisteddfod ers blynyddoedd, ac mae'r cyfle i weld côr ifanc o fechgyn o'r cymoedd – a grewyd ar gyfer Eisteddfod 2010 – ar un o'r rhaglenni teledu mwyaf poblogaidd yn brofiad arbennig.

"Pob llwyddiant iddyn nhw nos Sadwrn, a rydan ni hefyd yn edrych ymlaen i noddi cyngerdd agoriadol yr Eisteddfod eleni, lle bydd y bechgyn yn llenwi'r llwyfan yn Llandw."

*Ewch i: www.eisteddfod.org.uk i brynu tocynnau ar gyfer y cyngerdd agoriadol neu ffoniwch y llinell docynnau ar 0845 4090 800.*

## The Vale Eisteddfod – what to expect?

**IN four months' time, the Vale will host one of the world's greatest cultural festivals, the National Eisteddfod of Wales.**

We've all heard the word 'Eisteddfod', but how much do we know about the National Eisteddfod of Wales and what we can expect when it comes to the Vale?

The National Eisteddfod of Wales is one of the great festivals of the world, attracting more than 150,000 visitors every year.

The Eisteddfod is a travelling festival which belongs to the people of Wales, wherever they live, and this is an integral part of its appeal.

The festival visits areas in north and south Wales alternately, and hosting the National Eisteddfod is a great boost for any area.

It's an ideal opportunity to take part in cultural activities in your area, and it's also a great opportunity to promote the region as a tourist destination.

The economic effect is huge, with the Eisteddfod contributing between £6–8 million to the local economy during the week.

Between August 4-11, the site of the Llandow Airfield will be transformed into a cultural mecca with the main festival site itself, or 'Maes', taking over a 35-acre site with car parking, and the official caravan and camping site situated nearby.

The main focal point of the Eisteddfod site will be the 2,000 seater pavilion. This huge pink marquee is the venue where, during the day, the main competitions and ceremonies are held.

In the evening, the Pavilion is transformed into a world-class concert venue. Performers this year will include Only Men Aloud, Only Boys Aloud, Karl Jenkins, Rebecca Evans, Dennis O'Neill, Dafydd Iawn and Caryl Parry Jones to name only a few.

Add to that satellite pavilions which include a literature pavilion, theatre and dance pavilion, performance stages, contemporary art exhibition, open air performance stages featuring all sorts of music, performances and activities of all kinds for children, and more than 300 trade stands, the National Eisteddfod is a vibrant festival, which has something for everyone – whatever your age.

## Only Boys Aloud shine on *Britain's Got Talent*

**REMEMBER to use your vote on Saturday night to support Only Boys Aloud in the final of *Britain's Got Talent*!**

The 140-strong male voice choir aged 14-19 from the Valleys were created especially for the Blaenau Gwent and Heads of the Valleys National Eisteddfod opening concert in 2010.

They have been a great success during the series, and the four judges have been impressed with their performances, both in the first round and in the semi-final over the weekend.

Elfed Roberts, National Eisteddfod Chief Executive, said: "I'm sure we've all enjoyed the rousing performances by Only Boys Aloud over the weekend, and we are pleased to see that many of their supporters have purchased tickets for this year's Eisteddfod opening concert since their success.

"We're encouraging everyone to support the boys in the final this weekend, and hope that they'll be successful in the competition.

"The Eisteddfod is very proud of our link with Only Boys Aloud, and that we've been involved since the beginning of the project, and gave them their first opportunity to perform two years ago.

"Good luck to them on Saturday."

The Principality Building Society are great supporters of the choir, and Pat Ashman, the company's sponsorship and events manager said: "The Principality has supported Only Boys Aloud since the start, and we are delighted with their success in reaching the final of *Britain's Got Talent*.

"This is not only a boost to them as a choir but to Wales as a whole, and is a wonderful stage for choral singing in Wales, which is also important to us as a company.

"We've been sponsoring the Eisteddfod choral competitions for a number of years, and the opportunity to see a choir of young boys from the Valleys on one of the most popular programmes on television is great.

Good luck to them on Saturday, and we're also looking forward to sponsoring the opening concert at the Eisteddfod this year, where the boys will shine on the Pavilion stage."

*Go to: www.eisteddfod.org.uk to buy tickets for the opening concert or ring the ticketline on 0845 4090 800.*

**MAX BOYCE**

**Penarth Appeal Committee will be hosting a very special concert at the Paget Rooms in Penarth on May 26, when Max Boyce will be performing a concert to raise funds for the Eisteddfod.**

The concert promises to be a 'night to remember' as Caryl Parry Jones will also be appearing, alongside rising stars Greta and Miriam Isaac from Cowbridge.

*Tickets are priced at £25 and available from Foxy's Deli in Penarth.*

## Welsh phrase of the week, Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

**'BETH sy'n digwydd?' (Beth scene dig-with?), which means: 'What's happening?'**

**SIONED EDWARDS**

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## Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
## Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

### Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00336/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Refurbishment and Extension of single residential dwelling house and integral garage
Location:/Lleoliad: Old Factory House, Factory Road, Llanblethian
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Affecting the Llanblethian

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00377/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: The construction of a single storey extension to the existing 6th Form study area and Cafeteria
Location:/Lleoliad: Stanwell School, Salisbury Avenue, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

### Conservation Area Consent /Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00337/CAC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Refurbishment and extension of single resdential dwelling house and integral garage including demolition and rebuilding of boundary wall
Location:/Lleoliad: Old Factory House, Factory Road, Llanblethian
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Llanblethian

### Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00342/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: The proposed installation is for 1 No. 200mm squared (200mm x 200mm) communications antenna pole mounted to the South West elevation of the clock tower. A single data cable will be laid on the roof in a robber sheath and then clipped to the wall to the point of entry in the building. There is an internal cable run to the comms cabinet in the building. The antenna and pole will be painted dark red to match the background colour of the clock tower, thus making it as invisible as possible. The drawings that accompany this application include a photo montage showing how the building will look
Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth Library, Stanwell Road, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00346/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Retrospective application for emergency structural repairs to front bay and first and second floors including replacement bay window
Location:/Lleoliad: 41, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00397/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Minor alterations to rationalise the internal layout of the entrance and utility areas to the property.
Location:/Lleoliad: Downs Farm, Sully Road, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

### Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00367/RG3
Proposal:/Cynnig: A new educational development combining St. Cyres School with the adjacent two SEN schools of Ysgol Erw'r Delyn, Ashgrove and the nearby Ysgol Maes Dyfan in Barry. External works for sports education. A new Toucan Crossing and traffic calming measures will control Sully Road traffic either side of the existing public footpath and the new vehicular access point. The existing main entrance along St Cyres Road will be retained for pedestrian access at the start and end of the school day and for infrequent emergency access and deliveries (Minute number 1979 May 2002)
Location:/Lleoliad: St. Cyres Comprehensive School, Penarth

### Departure from Development Plan / Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00228/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Agricultural workers dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: New Farm, Port Road, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00367/RG3
Proposal:/Cynnig: A new educational development combining St. Cyres School with the adjacent two SEN schools of Ysgol Erw'r Delyn, Ashgrove and the nearby Ysgol Maes Dyfan in Barry. External works for sports education. A new Toucan Crossing and traffic calming measures will control Sully Road traffic either side of the existing public footpath and the new vehicular access point. The existing main entrance along St Cyres Road will be retained for pedestrian access at the start and end of the school day and for infrequent emergency access and deliveries (Minute number 1979 May 2002)
Location:/Lleoliad: St. Cyres Comprehensive School, Penarth

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk**

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# VOLUNTEERS ARE GIVEN A KICK-START INTO SPORTS COACHING

**TWO volunteers from the Gibbonsdown area of Barry have been given a kick-start into sports coaching thanks to a special project, and are now leading free sports sessions for children in the local community.**

Towards the end of last year, Mark Nickerson and Gareth Baynham were offered the chance to go on a 'Community Sports Leader Award' course over several weeks after the Vale Council's sports and play development team joined forces with the Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First Partnership.

Mark and Gareth are now putting the skills that they learned into practice at weekly sports sessions at Iolo Park in Gibbonsdown every Wednesday between 5pm and 6.30pm.

The sessions are completely free and are aimed at children aged four to 14, with the sports on offer including football, cricket, basketball, and more.

Ben Williams, the Vale Council's active young people co-ordinator said: "Mark and Gareth are perfect examples of volunteers wanting to make a difference in their local community. Thanks to the success of this initiative in Gibbonsdown we are also hoping for similar interest from further like-minded volunteers from other wards in Barry who would like to get into sports coaching."

*Mark Nickerson (pictured) and Gareth Baynham are running free sports sessions at Iolo Park in the Gibbonsdown area of Barry for local children.*

Rachel Davies, the community development officer for Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First, said: "The project is great for getting children of all ages playing together in this fantastic new park and teaching them new skills. We were very keen to get weekly provisions in the park to utilise the facilities and equipment.

"Mark and Gareth are great with the kids and we really hope to spin this out into other areas in the community in the future."

If you'd like to find out more about how you can get involved, call Rachel Davies on 01446 732406.

*For further ideas of how all ages can get active in the Vale of Glamorgan, go online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay or follow the council's sports and play development team on Twitter @valesportsandplay.*

# Bombettes deliver a try scoring rout

**BARRY Bombettes played against a spirited Rugby Lionesses touring team from Warwickshire.**

From a Lioness' scrum, the Barry pack drove their counterparts backwards allowing Bannister at No 9 to feed her backs. Fullback Hill came into the line, breaking through to score the first home try, duly converted by K Jones.

K Jones took a quick tap to power over for the second try which she converted, and this set off at speed, passing winger Dixon, who was brought down with the try line in sight.

Following increased pressure Garner-Joel burst through the Lioness' defence on their 22 to power over for her first try of the season.

The Lionesses continued to battle hard, but were struggling against the Barry pack. The Lioness No 9 went off with a minor shoulder injury, resulting in Barry winger Nation sportingly swapping sides, allowing Rugby to field 15 players, B Jones replacing her on the wing.

From a good attacking position on the blind side, a swift exchange of passes between Bannister and K Jones resulted in Bannister scoring her first try of the season.

K Jones then took a quick tap and forged forward. She was ably supported by the tireless Richards who knocked back the would-be tacklers, and from the resultant pressure deep in the away 22, Captain Boffy drove forward to score her first try of the season.

With the Bombettes spirits high they started the second half perfectly, Garner-Joel stormed through some lacklustre tackling to sprint to score her second try; K Jones converted.

Richards, loving the freedom in the loose, burst forward before feeding Beare, who sprinted around the defence to score under the posts. Second row J Jones then showed her speed by also bursting down the right wing to score her first try.

K Jones then kicked behind the Rugby defence, though a speedy defender looked to have prevented a further score; she followed up and touched down as the defender couldn't gather the ball, Bannister showed her debut kicking boots by successfully converting two kicks from in front of the posts.

Dixon sportingly swapped positions and teams with Nation and played wing for the Lionesses making several try saving tackles on her team mates.

From a Barry scrum deep in the Rugby 22, No 8 Cole powered forward crossing the line with the defence helpless, K Jones and Bannister added another two tries bringing the final score to 72-0.

The eight different try scorers illustrated the team work this season.

*Team: Northcott, Phillips, Richards, Cahill, J Jones, Garner-Joel, Cole, (c) Boffy, Bannister, K Jones, Nation, Yapp, Williams, Dixon, Hill, Beare, Horne and B Jones.*

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# Volvo V60 travels through life

**SLOGANS are a useful way of remembering organisations.**

For instance, hearing the phrase 'time well spent' makes me think of the National Trust, while 'the car in front' pushes Toyota into your mind.

Car manufacturers do love these phrases: BMW 'the ultimate driving machine' and Peugeot 'the drive of your life', for example. In fact, life plays an important part in such slogans as Volvo has chosen to also embrace it with 'Volvo. for life'.

Driving the Volvo V60 D3 Ocean Race estate certainly does handle all aspects of life, whether it be the arduous motorway commute, trips to the tip or much more enjoyable family times.

As you might expect,, safety is at the forefront of this vehicle. There's the Blis (blind spot) safety alert on the wing mirrors that's unavailable on most cars. This is triggered when the Volvo travels at a reasonable speed and there is a hidden car that might have escaped the driver's attention.

Dash past in the outside lane, and it rarely notices other vehicles on its left, unless they are high sided lorries.

If an obstacle appears that the car doesn't expect, a red light on the dash in front of the driver flashes to the accompaniment of a blaring siren, which is utterly frightening and I feel, uncalled for.

Where I live, there are some traffic lights on a right hand bend and as you travel past, the Volvo's radar senses them and all hell breaks loose. Thank goodness no passengers of a sensitive disposition were travelling with me on that occasion. The same can happen if a car pushes its way in front of the Volvo, which has greater value.

Refreshingly, cruise control doesn't cancel out when changing gear as is usually the way in most other cars.

Volvo claims that up to 90 per cent of accidents are caused by distraction, and that half of all drivers hitting a car from behind do not brake at all.

To combat this, the V60 is equipped with a useful function that measures the distance of the car in front, keeping the Swede a safe

distance behind. The gap can be increased or decreased by the driver. This works especially well for motorway cruising, automatically and smoothly braking and accelerating as required.

However, this function does cancel out at speeds under 20 mph or so, as it is linked to the cruise control. This really could do with improving, because accidents do occur while driving at low speeds, too.

I can see how this function could be used to prevent many low speed collisions, if only it worked at such speeds.

In torrential rain the radar gets blocked, cancelling out the cruise control.

A well-insulated cabin ensures that there is only a hint of a rattle from the two-litre diesel unit on start up and from then on you don't notice.

It's fantastically fuel efficient, too – around 700 miles on its 67.5 litre tank. Auto stop-start aids this frugality, although like its driver, this function gets bored after five minutes and restarts.

How do I know this? I have been stuck in recurring roadworks for the past week that regularly exceed five minutes and continue for more like 20 minutes. When finally out of the jams, the V60 will confidently travel at speed, providing great enjoyment on clear country lanes.

It is also fitted with Volvo's e-Drive mode, which further helps economy. The six-speed box is pleasing to use, although on occasions it can be indecisive when choosing second gear.

The sat nav alerts the driver to the fact they're entering the London congestion charge zone, but this needs updating as it is free on weekends or public holidays.

The V60 is a comfortable executive express, equipped with quickclear windscreen demisters and heated front seats.

All the usual luxuries are included, such as electric windows and air con. The dashboard is similar to that of an Alfa Romeo because it is angled in the driver's favour, much to my wife's disappointment. The radio reception could be stronger.

Externally, the V60 is a curvaceous beauty – Volvo has taken the old V60 and rounded off the edges with great success, producing a very fashionable and sought-after cool estate car.

However, there are some blind spots, making it feel a little cumbersome on occasions, mainly when manoeuvring and reversing, but its safety systems help with this.

Unlocking the car is simple – as long as the driver has the key on them. The Volvo intelligently recognises this fact and all you have to do is place a hand on a door handle for it to open. This is a much appreciated feature during April showers, as it means you get in the car very quickly without the usual faff associated with car keys.

If the driver has the key on them there's no need to insert the key in the dash to start the car. Instead just put your feet on the clutch and brake and push the start button and it fires into life.

There isn't a traditional handbrake; instead a switch on the right of the dash – you just push it down to unlock or engage, but there is a slight delay. The wing mirrors automatically fold when it's locked.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "Volvo is best known for large and practical estates and the V60 remains the core model for the manufacturer – a modern version of its archetypal load carrier."

As you would expect the V60 is a splendid driver's car loaded with safety features.

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**TIM SANDERS**

# Penarth Town under-15s savour Cup glory

**Both Penarth Town and Cogan B under-15s approached the cup final in high expectation, lying second and third respectively in the league with games in hand on the leaders.**

Penarth were bringing a 21-match unbeaten record to Jenner Park and started the better, dominating the midfield and looking to punish Cogan's early nerves.

After eight minutes, Penarth pounced as Brad Rosser took advantage of the hesitant Cogan defence and slipped the ball past the exposed keeper.

Cogan started to suffocate the Penarth midfield who, in turn, misplaced passes, but Penarth's resolute defence held out for a 1 – 0 half time lead.

Tactical changes were made at half-time and Caynon Bowen almost put Keeling through. Just a minute later, he had the Cogan midfield back-tracking as he dribbled from the right, cut in and beat two defenders, and shot from 25 yards – the ball screaming into the top left hand corner.

Cogan, desperate to get back into the game with just 20 minutes remaining, upped the tempo once again and tried hard to close down ball to the Penarth channels. This was calmly dealt with by Oscar Kempton, James Squire Wood and Rowlands, who manfully played the full game with two broken fingers.

With 10 minutes remaining the contest was effectively over when Cogan succumbed to patient but purposeful Penarth play that led to a barrage of pressure.

Thomas put a great ball through with Murphy overpowering two defenders to slot the ball home.

Cogan kept battling right to the final whistle but outstanding defending in the last 10 minutes by Jack Davies and Tom Farmer saw Penarth deservedly win the cup final 3 – 0 in what was a thoroughly entertaining match, played in great sprit by two worthy finalists.

*Winning squad: Mattie Roberts and Tomas Havard (both injured); Sean Rowlands, Oscar Kempton, Declan Thomas, Gethin Evans-Cooper, James-Squire Woods, Brad Rosser, Niall Murphy, Jamie Hitchen, Sam Lehty, Duncan Keeling, Caynon Bowen, Jack Davies, Tom Farmer, Alex Gillingham.*

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# GEM sport

# Sully Seconds make history!

**ON Wednesday, history was made when Sully Sports RFC 2nds beat Rhiwbina in the Cardiff & District Ron Lucock Cup final in a close, hard-fought but very entertaining game.**

| Cardiff & District Ron Lucock Cup Final | |
|---|---|
| SULLY SPORTS 2nds | 24 |
| RHIWBINA 3rds | 22 |

It was the first time in the club's 47-year existence that the club has won any of the CDRU Cups.

The Sports have a reputation of being a family-orientated club, and the Cup final squad contained three father/son combinations – captain and centre Peter Mees and son Mike at scrum-half, blindside flanker John Moyle with son Harry at openside flanker, and team coach Gerald Cordle with son Marvin on the left wing.

Sully Sports started the game at a great pace, and dominated all aspects of play for the opening 20 minutes. Resolute defence by Rhiwbina somehow kept the Sports from crossing the line for 10 minutes, as the Sports spurned a couple of kickable penalties, opting to kick for position in the Rhiw 22.

The tactic paid dividends after a series of assaults on the goal-line saw flanker Harry Moyle squeeze in at the corner, for a try which outside-half Mike Saunders expertly converted from the touchline.

The Sports were dominating up front in the scrum, and lock Ian Moore was king in the line-out. Rhiwbina were limited to kicking long range to relieve the pressure, but these badly-directed kicks were returned by some fine counter attacking by the Sports backs, which on 20 minutes, led to a counter from their own 22, that swept up and across field through many pairs of hands, for fullback Craig Hanley to create the overlap and score a superb try.

From the resulting kick-off, Rhiwbina recovered the ball and set up their first series of attacks, which five minutes later produced a fine try after some good handling.

The game swung from end to end, and became a more equal contest for the rest of the half. Mike Saunders increased the Sports' lead with a well-taken penalty, but right on the half-time whistle, the Sports inexcusably ran a ball open from a scrum near their line, instead of kicking it into touch and taking the 10 point lead into the break.

Rhiwbina pressure led to a dropped ball, on which they pounced for another unconverted try.

This gave Rhiwbina the lift they needed, and the second period was the reverse of the first, with the Sports being encamped deep in their own territory, and desperately defending.

With 20 minutes left, the inevitable happened, and after countless rucks on the Sports line, the try was conceded, and the scores were level.

With Rhiwbina having turned the tide and gaining such momentum, there looked only one winner, but somehow the Sports dug deep and slowly hit back, sharing possession and territory, and slowly edged in front again with two more well-kicked Mike Saunders penalties to lead by six points entering the final 10 minutes.

Rhiwbina threw everything into attack, and this time it was Sully Sports who were forced into resolute, desperate defence, but as the game entered injury time, Rhiw broke through from five metres to score their fourth try, and their first conversion, to give them the lead for the first time in the match.

Now it was the turn of Sully Sports to find one last piece of inspiration and effort, and from the restart, they secured possession, piled on the pressure, and the Rhiwbina defence cracked, conceding a penalty 35 metres out, halfway towards the touchline.

Spectators and players alike went quiet, held their breath, some not daring to watch, as a cool, assured Mike Saunders stepped up to keep his 100 per cent match kicking record and slot home a tricky kick.

*Team: C Hanley, Dave Stillman, S Atkinson, P Mees (c), M Cordle, M Saunders, M Mees, I Yasin, J Newland, A Penberthy, T Williams, I Moore, J Moyle, H Moyle, P Millar.*

*Subs: Dan Stillman, L Walters, G Burke, R Gully, J Di Tomaso, I Patterson, M Stringle, P Brown. Team Manager/Coach: G Cordle.*

Club notes: club tour to Newquay, Cornwall takes place tomorrow, Friday, May 11, and the club presentation dinner dance is at 7pm on Friday, June 8 at Sully Clubhouse.

**MS**

# Netballers win

**WESTEND Ladies took on Barry in the play-off to gain a spot in Division 5, and won by a massive 54 goals to 13.**

Westend started amazingly well and continued playing that way throughout the hour-long game.

The defence were again faultless, allowing very few goals in, just as they've done all season.

The team of Louise Laity, Leigh-Anne Jones, Jenna Heffernan, Sophie Palmer, Stacey Brown, Angharad Jenkins, Caryl Jenkins and Kelly Richardson are now looking forward to Division 5 – well done, ladies.

**KR**

# Dinas bowlers start with win

**DINAS Powis Bowling Club opened their Welsh Club Championship campaign with an emphatic win over Sully last Saturday.**

A great start across the green by Dinas saw them leap to a 35-shot lead after five ends. All rinks were up and this position continued throughout the game, with Dinas +41 on 10 ends, +43 on 15 ends, +40 on 18 ends and finishing up by 40 shots.

Despite the scoreline Dinas were made to work hard across the green by a spirited Sully side, Dinas keeping their composure to secure a comfortable win 108-68.

Scores were: G White, C Parsons, G Griffiths, C Todd – 30; C Michael, A Rees, D Edwards, C Williams – 14; C Scott, A Desrosiers, D Vowles, M Ackland – 31; G John, D Hotchkiss, M Hardy, C Best – 16; A Harvey, G Parr, P Critcher, A Meddins – 24; K Lewis, HL Jones, I Patterson, B Griffiths – 22; D Parker, M Edwards, H Meddins, R Janes – 23; P Neale, A Thomas, JF Best, J Frayne – 16.

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# Centurions maintain good start to season

**MIKE O'Shea starred with bat and ball as Sully Centurions 1st XI chalked up an easy victory against Ammanford at Burnham Avenue.**

Sully got off to the best possible start with the wicket of Fisher in the first over, bowled by Daniel Rowe for a duck.

This set the tone for the innings and wickets started to fall with regularity. Dan picked up his second victim a few overs later, with the wicket of Evans, thanks to a Tom Maynard catch, with the score on just nine.

This paved the way for Mike O'Shea, who proceeded to clean up, ending with four wickets for just 13 runs.

Dan Rowe ended with 3 for 11. The rest of the wickets were shared out, with one each for Adam Shantry, Lloyd Bruce and Tom Evison. The visitors finished on 101 all out, with only Davies (24) and Harvey (35) reaching double figures.

Mike O'Shea continued the job with the bat, putting on 85 with Jamie Sylvester for the first wicket. When Mike finally went for a well-made half century – to a stumping from wicket keeper Slade off the bowling of Harris – it left Jamie (29 not out) and Charlie Lowen (four not out) to see Centurions home in just 29 overs.

This leaves Sully clear at the top of the table. It's early days yet, but it has been a great start to the season so far.

*Sully 102 for 1*
*Ammanford 101 all out.*

**Six of the best from Shae sets up victory**

**THE seconds kicked off the new season with a win at Ammanford, thanks in no small part to the bowling of Shae Ellis, backed up with some powerful batting from Terryn Fray and Gareth Davies.**

Skipper Matthew Thomas won the toss and put the home side in on a dry, but overcast afternoon. Veteran Terry Williams and Huw Williams bowled accurately to frustrate the Ammanford batsmen, making runs extremely hard to come by, and it took 29 overs for the 50 to come up.

It was the introduction of Shae Ellis to the attack that started the wickets tumbling. His first two victims, Jones (41) and Evans (22) both fell to slip catches from Terry Williams, as he dived to take the catches one handed.

The wickets of Rosser, who was stumped by Gareth Davies for a duck, Thomas, bowled for 24, Griffiths (34) and Evans (six) completed Shae's victims and he finished on 6 for 46.

The only other wicket to fall was that of Jefferies, who was smartly caught by Huw Williams off the bowling of young Tom Edwards. The innings closed on 184 for 7.

After tea, Shae Ellis and Terryn Fray both survived early scares before settling down and putting on 61 for the first wicket. Shae fell to a catch from Thomas off the bowling of Jefferies for 32 to complete an all-round successful afternoon for him.

After Cameron Sleeth had been caught out for just two, with the score on 70, Gareth Davies and Terryn Fray took control of the home attack, both reaching half centuries.

Terryn's 59 not out contained six fours, while Gareth hit four fours and four sixes in his total of 72 not out. The victory was completed in the 28th over with no further losses.

*Ammanford 184/7, Sully 185/2.*

**Centurions taste Cup success**

**On Sunday, Sully entertained Gloucestershire side Frocester in the first round of the ECB national Kingfisher Beer Cup.**

On a surprisingly sunny afternoon the visitors had the best of the opening exchanges, with Centurions losing opener Ryan Sylvester in the first over and finding themselves three wickets down with 44 runs on the board.

But home skipper Lloyd Smith and former Glamorgan man Adam Shantry then took the game by the scruff of the neck and put together a wonderfully entertaining stand of 78 for the fourth wicket, when Shantry was bowled by visiting skipper Nick Trainor for 33.

Lloyd was joined by Richard Ready and they continued the job, sharing a half century partnership before Richard departed for 27, being stumped by Bracey to give Furley his second wicket.

Smith was finally caught just six runs short of his century, with the score on 214 for 6. His innings included 12 fours and a six. David Eskins and Gareth Davies added a further 10 runs in the final over to ensure that Centurions ended on a respectable 224 for 7.

After tea Frocester set off like an express train, with Trainor hitting the first three balls for four and at 29 without loss in the third over, they looked impressive.

But then Eskins trapped Trainor LBW for 22 to settle the home nerves for a while. Thompson was the next to go, also LBW to Eskins, with the score on 50.

Then the champagne moment arrived, as Lloyd Smith raced in front of the sight screen to take a superb diving catch off the bowling of Ready to dismiss Davis for 16 and leave Frocester on 56 for 3.

The star of the Frocester innings was Bracey, who played in a sensible, but aggressive, style, punishing anything that wasn't spot on, as he gradually moved up the gears – finding the boundary with ease.

Unfortunately for the visitors he began losing partners so the innings never really reached full momentum.

With the required run rate steadily increasing, wickets started to fall – Adam Shantry picked up two, as did Jamie Sylvester, including the prize wicket of Bracey, who was finally bowled for 88.

The innings closed on 202 for 9, 23 runs short of the target. Dave Eskins was Sully's most successful bowler, ending on 3 for 40 off his nine overs. But a special mention must go to 14-year-old Tom Edwards, who showed great promise in the field – definitely one to watch for the future.

*Sully Centurions 224 for 7, Frocester 202 for 9.*

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# Sponsorship boost

***Sully Centurions Cricket Club celebrated their winning start to the season with an announcement that, once again, they will benefit from sponsorship from New Broad Street Motors. Boss Dave Alison was happy to continue the winning partnership for the 2012 season. The photograph shows Dave Alison along with Sully skipper Lloyd Smith and First XI regulars Tom Maynard and Ryan Sylvester.***

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